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PREFACE


THIS edition of the earliest surviving Wimbledon Vestry Minutes is published with the approval of the Vicar and Parochial Church Council of Wimbledon, and I am grateful to them for allowing its publication. The minutes are among the parish records deposited by them in the Surrey Record Office at County Hall, Kingston-upon-Thames.

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INTRODUCTION

WIMBLEDON PARISH RECORDS

THE accumulation of Wimbledon parish records deposited in the Surrey Record Office at County Hall, Kingston-upon-Thames, by the vicar and parochial church council in 1954 is impressive in quantity, but from the point of view of age it is by no means outstanding.¹ The main series of vestry minutes commences in 1743, overseers' accounts date from 1750, and full churchwardens' accounts survive only from 1792. Apart from the registers there are very few records of earlier date than 1700. The principal reason for the absence of older records is that the accumulation was kept in damp conditions during most of the eighteenth century and many of the documents perished as a result. Evidence for this statement is to be found in the condition of the existing records at the time of their deposit,² and in an entry in the court rolls of the manor of Wimbledon.

At a court baron held on 2 May 1726 the bailiff of the manor gave the homage to understand that the rolls, writings and other muniments of the court, which for many years past had been placed in the vestry (*in sacratio*) of the parish church of Wimbledon in a chest there for safe custody, were about to perish because of the dampness of the place, and the homage therefore sought from the lady of the manor that these muniments might be removed from the vestry and delivered to the steward of the manor for repair and conservation.³ Two years later, on 6 May 1728, the homage requested that the manorial records might be placed in the vestry of Putney parish church.⁴ It is hardly to be doubted that the records in Wimbledon parish chest shared the same unsuitable repository and that they remained in it after the removal of the documents belonging to the manor.

The registers, according to general practice, received better care as their condition testifies. They were the first of the parish records to receive attention, however brief, from local historians, and in 1924 they were transcribed by A. W. Hughes Clarke (to the year 1812) and published by this Society in conjunction with the John Evelyn Club of Wimbledon, now the John Evelyn Society.⁵

¹ A selective summary list is printed in Appendix II.

² The first surviving poor rate book, for example, which is from 1780, showed the effects of damp in its decayed cover and outer pages (see Appendix III f). For a short description of the condition of the first vestry minute book before repair, see p. x.

³ *Court Rolls*, pp. 294-7.

⁴ *Ibid.*, p. 297.

⁵ Frequent reference was made by local historians to the entry in the parish registers recording the birth of *Georgi-Anna*, daughter of the earl and countess of Exeter, on 13 July 1616, and her baptism by the bishop of London in the presence of Anne of Denmark on 30 July following (e.g. Rev. Daniel Lysons, *The Environs of London* . . ., vol. I (1792), p. 537; E. W. Brayley and others, *A Topographical History of Surrey*, vol. III (1850), p. 503n.; Bartlett, pp. 113-14). The reference was taken up by other historians and by writers on Christian names, this being apparently the first occurrence of the name Georgiana, which is otherwise unknown until the eighteenth century (e.g. Agnes Strickland, *Lives of the Queens of England* . . ., vol. V (1851), p. 168n.; C. M. Yonge, *History of Christian Names* (1884), p. 115; C. W. Bardsley, *Curiosities of Puritan Nomenclature* (1897), p. 224). The text, however, reads *Sophi-Anna*. The error was unfortunately perpetuated in the printed text of the registers (*W.P.R.*, p. 12). The record of the child's burial in Westminster Abbey on

Bartlett, the historian of Wimbledon, made wider though by no means extensive use of the parish records as a whole, drawing some information from the vestry minute books and printing slightly inaccurate lists of churchwardens and overseers. It is clear that the main series of parish records were, at the time his book was published (1865), very much the same in extent as they are now.¹

The Wimbledon records were listed by Miss D. L. Powell for her pioneer survey of the parish records of the county, which was prepared on behalf of the Surrey County Council and issued by this Society and the County Council in 1927-8.² She noted then that many of the bundles of vouchers and poor law papers had recently been sorted by members of the John Evelyn Club. Since their deposit in the Surrey Record Office the documents have been listed and, where necessary, repaired.

WIMBLEDON VESTRY MINUTES

This volume is a calendar of the first surviving Wimbledon vestry minute book, 1743 to 1788,³ with additional material from an imperfect series of original or draft minutes.

The first vestry minute book is a paper volume bound in boards with stiff vellum covers. The pages, which are of a heavy laid paper bearing the watermark IV and a fleur de lis, measure $14\frac{3}{4}$ by $9\frac{3}{8}$ inches. The first and last gatherings consist of four leaves each, two of which were, in each case, originally stuck down on the boards as endpapers. There are fifteen intermediate gatherings of twelve leaves. Pagination commences with the recto of the fourth leaf of the first gathering. This formerly ran 1 to 93 and 84 to 352, followed by four unnumbered pages. The scribal error has been corrected and the pages are now numbered in pencil consecutively 1 to 366. Before its repair was undertaken in 1958 the volume showed the effects of long exposure to damp. The endpapers were unstuck and badly damaged. That at the end of the volume survived only in fragments and the last gathering was much decayed in its inner margin. The vellum spine was missing.

The original minutes are a series of unbound papers, containing mainly the signed records of vestry meetings with a few memoranda of vestry business.⁴ Though the text of the minute book can often be supplemented or corrected by reference to these minutes (see, e.g., no. 267), it is itself much more complete, as many of the original minutes are missing. One reason for this is that the signed minute, where it concerned a rate or the nomination of officers, was often given to the constable or an overseer to be carried to the justices of the peace for their approval or further action (cf. nos. 328 and 337).

The task of writing up the minutes, as well as the accounts and rate books, was that of the vestry clerk. There were two vestry clerks in the period with

15 Sept. 1621 gives her name as *Sophia-Anna* (*The Marriage, Baptismal and Burial Registers of the Collegiate Church or Abbey of St Peter, Westminster* (Harleian Society Publications, vol. X (1876)), p. 118).

¹ There were, however, probably a few later losses from the accumulation. The first of the poor rate books for 1777 was, for example, a stray from the parish records when it was printed in 1905 (see note to no. 326). The John Evelyn Society of Wimbledon has in its care a poor rate assessment book for 1831 and a highway rate assessment book for 1832-3.

² S.R.S. no. XXVI (1927) ; Surrey County Council, *Abstract of Parish Records Civil and Ecclesiastical* (1928).

³ S.R.O. P5/3/478.

⁴ S.R.O. P5/3/1-221.

which we are concerned : ¹ William Jennings, from 1743 to 1774, whose repetitive, uneconomical and ungrammatical style of writing has been largely responsible for the adoption of calendar form for this edition (see, e.g., no. 81) ; and Joseph Andrews, a schoolmaster, from 1774 until his death in August 1788. Jennings's hand (illustrated in plates 1 and 2) appears on pages 1-193, 204, 207, 210-16, 364 and on the final endpaper of the minute book. An unidentified, unskilled, almost childish hand occurs on pages 194-203, 205-6 and 208-9, with a few words added by the vestry clerk here and there. The original minutes for these pages were written by Jennings himself, with the exception of part of that of 22 Sept. 1770 where the names of the surveyors were inserted in the unskilled hand.² Andrews was responsible for pages 217-362, and he shared pages 365-6 with Jennings. Examples of his handwriting are in plates 3 and 4.

The vestry clerk came to each meeting with the paper on which he was to take down the draft minute. At some time before the meeting he wrote in the date and heading, and often a preliminary note concerning the business if it was known in advance. For nominations or appointments of officers, for example, he left himself with nothing to do but to add the names of the persons proposed, or for rates the amounts to be assessed (see also no. 390 and note). At the end of the meeting some or all of the parishioners present signed the minute and the clerk entered it in the minute book at his leisure. From time to time he omitted to do this,³ or placed it out of order, in which case chronological order is restored in this edition. Occasionally the signed minute is in the minute book (e.g. no. 179).

Jennings usually copied into the minute book the names of those who had signed the original minute. Andrews sometimes wrote in two lists of names : one of attenders at the beginning of the minute immediately after the heading, and the other of signatories at the end. Sometimes he omitted one of the lists, generally the second. There were a few occasions when no names were written in at all.⁴

THE VESTRY AND ITS OFFICERS

The vestry or parish meeting, transformed from an entirely ecclesiastical body in the middle ages into a unit of civil administration by Tudor and subsequent legislation, was, by the eighteenth century, the most important local government authority in England outside the City of London and the boroughs. It had wide-ranging powers affecting nearly all aspects of life, some conferred by canon of the Church, some by statute and some by custom.⁵

¹ The name of the clerk responsible for the earliest surviving minute (no. 1) is not known.

² S.R.O. P5/3/67.

³ The record of the Easter Tuesday meeting of 1772 (21 April) is, for example, not now to be found in minute book or original minute.

⁴ For the treatment of lists of attenders and signatories in this edition, see p. xxi.

⁵ The literature of the vestry is extensive and it is impossible to do more than single out a few outstanding works. For a discussion of its development as a unit of secular government see W. S. Holdsworth, *A History of English Law*, 2nd edition, vol. IV (1937), pp. 151-63. On the vestry in general see S. and B. Webb, *The Parish and the County*, book I, and on the vestry and its records, W. E. Tate, *The Parish Chest . . .*, 3rd edition (1960). Two good modern accounts of particular vestries in action are J. E. Oxley, *Barking Vestry Minutes and other Parish Documents* (1955), and F. H. W. Sheppard, *Local Government in St. Marylebone, 1688-1835* (1958). Editions of vestry minutes include Edwin Freshfield (ed.), *The Vestry Minute Book of the Parish of St. Margaret Lothbury in the City of London*,

In Wimbledon, a village throughout the century with a population in 1801 of only 1,591, the vestry carried out its duties with the confidence gained from a long tradition of public service. To the end of the period covered by this volume there is no sign of its powers decaying, and there is no indication that it was in any danger of being overwhelmed by its many duties.

It was an open vestry very similar in many ways to that at neighbouring Mitcham as described by the Webbs.¹ Everyone who paid 'scot and lot' to the parish could attend and participate in the business (no. 206). In practice this meant all men who paid the parish rates.² The poor rate assessment and collection book of 1780, which is printed in Appendix IIIf, shows that there were then about 105 ratepayers, excluding women, who would be entitled to vote at vestry meetings. The number subscribing to a church rate would be slightly larger. The actual average number of persons attending vestries was ten, the highest number being thirty-five (no. 334) and the lowest none (no. 348).

There were certain annual meetings of vestry which were obligatory, such as those for the appointment of churchwardens, and for the nomination of overseers of the poor and surveyors of the highways, and the vestrymen had also evolved their by no means rigid calendar for such recurring items as the granting of rates or the fixing of paupers' pensions. Other business could arise at any time, and meetings could be called at a week's notice, or after notice given at church on the Sunday preceding the day of the intended meeting. An active vestry would therefore meet several times each year. In Wimbledon the average was about ten times a year, but this is a somewhat exaggerated figure owing to the excessive number of adjournments, with little or no work done, in certain years, particularly 1777. The number also takes no account of committee meetings, but in Wimbledon these were much the same as ordinary meetings of vestry with the addition of some of the gentry and, occasionally, their ladies.

According to the minutes in the earlier part of the volume vestries were always held in the parish church.³ The list of meeting places up to 1751 (no. 455), which was written in at the end of the book, however, contains the names of keepers of public houses in the parish. It seems, therefore, that in Wimbledon, as elsewhere, many of the vestries were actually held (possibly by adjournment from the church) in the comfort of a 'tavern parlour'. Explicit statements that this was the case are found in some of the headings to the minutes in the later part of the volume. Other meeting places for the vestry and its committees were the workhouse and the schoolhouse.

Wimbledon, like many other parishes near London, was, when the first volume of Defoe's description of Britain was published in 1724, already much in favour as place of residence for gentlemen of means.⁴ The gentry and other prosperous

1571-1677 (1887) ; G. W. Hill and W. H. Frere (ed.), *Memorials of Stepney Parish : . . . the Vestry Minutes from 1579 to 1662 . . .* (1890-1) ; Henry Peet (ed.), *Liverpool Vestry Books, 1681-1834*, 2 vols. (1912 and 1915) ; and S. A. Peyton (ed.), *Kettering Vestry Minutes A.D. 1797-1853* (Northamptonshire Record Society Publications, vol. VI (1933)).

¹ *The Parish and the County*, pp. 58-60.

² Payment to the church rate was the qualification according to Joseph Shaw, *Parish Law*, 9th edition (1755), p. 76 ; the poor rate was stipulated at a much later date by 58 Geo. III c. 59.

³ For the treatment of headings to the minutes in this edition, see p. xxi.

⁴ Daniel Defoe, *A Tour thro' the whole Island of Great Britain* (ed. G. D. H. Cole), vol. I (1927), p. 169.

inhabitants provided valuable help and support in vestry and committee, particularly when new, exciting and costly schemes were being carried out. Some of them acted as parish officers, especially as surveyors, and some of them were justices of the peace. The main burden of parochial government, however, fell on the men of the middle class, shopkeepers, tradesmen, farmers, innkeepers and the like. Proof of this statement is to be found in Appendix Ia where details of attendance at vestry are given. Most notable perhaps are the records of individual members of the Jennings, Terry and Watney families, both for consistency of attendance and acceptance of office on many occasions.

A guide to the status of individual vestrymen within the parish is provided by the lists of Wimbledon freeholders for 1762 and 1788, which include the names of most of the wealthier inhabitants.¹ It is interesting to note that only one of the persons named in each list never attended a vestry meeting. They were Sir Abraham Janssen² and M. de Calonne who was an exile from France.³ Most of the freeholders listed also served as parish officers when chosen.

The officers of vestry were the churchwardens, the overseers of the poor, the surveyors of the highways, the petty constable and the headboroughs, all of whom were unpaid and only temporarily in office. The paid permanent officials were the vestry clerk, the uniformed beadle (employed mainly as a messenger), and the workhouse master or mistress. The parish clerk, who is occasionally referred to in the minutes, was an official of the church.

Churchwardens

The churchwarden was originally an ecclesiastical officer with responsibility for the fabric of the church and church property generally,⁴ but the office had gradually, particularly in Tudor times, attracted to itself many secular duties, some of which will be noted presently. In Wimbledon two churchwardens were chosen annually on the Tuesday of Easter week by the inhabitants in vestry. Choice was by nomination and, where necessary, show of hands (no. 320n.). The usual practice in the parish was to continue one churchwarden from the previous year as senior churchwarden, and to elect another to assist him who would in his turn become senior churchwarden in the following year.⁵ The senior churchwarden seems to have done most of the work and accepted most of the responsibility, but it is not clear how the duties were actually divided owing to the absence of detailed churchwardens' accounts before 1792.

Churchwardens were by statute *ex officio* overseers of the poor (43 Eliz. c. 2), and they joined with the overseers in signing such documents as poor rates and accounts. Responsibility for the payment of relief to paupers was divided between

¹ They are printed in Appendix IV.

² Buried 23 Feb. 1765 (*W.P.R.*, p. 184).

³ *The Wimbledon and Merton Annual*, ed. H. v. d. B. Copeland [vol. 1] (Wimbledon, 1903), pp. 119-28 [vol. 3] (1905), p. 127.

⁴ For accounts of the development of the office of churchwarden see, in addition to the works already mentioned, J. Charles Cox, *Churchwardens' Accounts from the Fourteenth Century to the Close of the Seventeenth Century* (1913); and Charles Drew (ed.), *Lambeth Churchwardens' Accounts, 1504-1645, and Vestry Book, 1610*, part I (S.R.S. Publications, no. XL (1940)). For a study of the office in its formative period see Charles Drew, *Early Parochial Organisation in England: the Origins of the Office of Churchwarden* (St Anthony's Hall Publications, no. 7 (York, 1954)).

⁵ There were several departures from the custom. In 1761, 1780 and 1787 men were appointed to the office for their third successive year. In 1788 two entirely new churchwardens were appointed.

the two sets of officers. The overseers provided for the needs of poor persons settled in the parish and in receipt of long-term relief, while casual or occasional paupers were relieved by the churchwardens. Casual poor bills were passed in vestry and the churchwardens were reimbursed for their expenditure on this account by the overseers out of the money derived from the poor rate.

Bartlett's list of churchwardens is inaccurate in some particulars,¹ but the names of successive holders of the office can easily be obtained by reference to the appointments made annually at Easter vestry.²

Overseers of the Poor and the Workhouse

At the meeting at which the churchwardens were appointed the vestry also nominated from four to seven men from whom the justices for the western division of Brixton Hundred could appoint the overseers of the poor. Usually two were appointed.³ It is not easy to determine who were named in each case and, as Bartlett is occasionally misleading,⁴ a list of overseers is provided in Appendix Ib. It is based on the entries in the minute book, including the lists of vestrymen (Appendix Ia), and, from 1750, on the first overseers' account book.

Overseers' accounts for 1750-1 are transcribed and printed in Appendix IIIb, and a poor rate assessment for 1780 and accounts for 1780-1 are printed in Appendices IIIf and IIIg. There are two important differences between the two sets of accounts. In 1750-1 one overseer expended most of the money for the whole year, whereas in 1780-1 two overseers shared the responsibility equally, each accounting for the expenditure from one rate. This was the first year in which the duties of the overseers were separated in this way. The second difference concerns the way the money was spent. The earlier accounts show much expenditure on out-relief, mainly in the form of weekly pensions and clothing. In August 1752 the parish workhouse was opened and from then onwards the need for out-relief was greatly reduced. The accounts for 1780-1, therefore, give details of money paid out for the workhouse as a whole instead of for individual paupers.

The Workhouse Test Act, which permitted parishes to buy or erect buildings in which the poor could be maintained and set to work, was passed in 1723 (9 Geo. I c. 7), and Wimbledon was therefore comparatively late in providing one. Before 1752 some paupers had been lodged in parish almshouses (nos. 66 and 88), and even after the workhouse was built poor families were placed in small cottages belonging to the parish, which were usually situated at one of the gates leading to the Common or to the open fields (no. 274). Most of the poor had, however, to go into the 'house'.⁵

¹ Bartlett, pp. 132-5.

² But the record of the meeting of 21 April 1772, when William Gonston and William Watney were chosen, was omitted from the minute book. It should also be noted that although the Hon. Thomas Walker was continued in office after serving for one year in 1748, his place was filled by Charles Pigott.

³ On the care of the poor and the duties of the overseers see, in addition to the authorities already mentioned, S. and B. Webb, *English Poor Law History: Part I. The Old Poor Law* (1927), reissued in 1963 as 'English Local Government', vol. VII, with a new introduction by W. A. Robson; and Dorothy Marshall, *The English Poor in the Eighteenth Century* (1926).

⁴ Bartlett, pp. 132-5.

⁵ An account of Mrs Hayball, matron of the workhouse, 1774-80, is printed in Appendix IIIe.

Spasmodic attempts were made to set the inmates to work (nos. 104 and 175), and in 1786 a factory building was added to the workhouse (no. 419). An overseers' account for the Wimbledon Manufactory, July 1787–Dec. 1788, unfortunately falls partly outside the period covered by this volume.¹ From the beginning of the account to May 1788 the sum of £197 5s. 11d. was spent on raw materials, mainly wool, leather, skins, oil, hair and mop sticks. By December 1788, by the sale of these materials fully or partly made up, £183 6s. 11½d. had been recovered. The profit (no. 453) anticipated by Thomas Wilkins, master of the workhouse, did not materialize, and in 1789 he was dismissed because of a deficiency of over £70.²

Surveyors of the Highways

The surveyors of the highways³ were appointed annually by the justices, in much the same way as the overseers, from a list of names of holders of land and sufficient inhabitants furnished by the vestry. The parish meeting for the purpose of compiling this list was at first held on 26 or 27 December each year (3 & 4 Wm. & Mary c. 12), but this date was altered by the Highways Act of 1766 (7 Geo. III c. 42) to 22 or 23 September, a change which is reflected in the text from 1767 onwards. In 1750 the vestry produced a list which was unacceptable to the justices and an awkward situation arose. It was resolved by the continuance of the surveyors already in office from the previous year, and by the provision of assistants for them. Up to 1766 the number of names submitted to the justices varied between five and nine, but after the Highways Act noted above the list consisted invariably of ten names, five 'Esquires' and five others, and the justices chose at least one man from each section.

The roads in Wimbledon were largely repaired by statute labour, reinforced by the work of paid helpers when necessary. The workhouse was a convenient source of additional labour (no. 235). Money came from compositions paid by those parishioners who did not wish to do their statute duty in person or by substitute, and from infrequent highway rates.

Constable and Headboroughs

In Wimbledon the petty constable seems to have been regarded as an officer of the community as a whole, neither parish nor manor being able to claim him entirely as its own. The constable was originally a servant of the manor, and some appointments to the office were apparently still made at courts leet in Wimbledon in the eighteenth century.⁴ Lists of names were submitted by the vestry to the justices in quarter sessions for their choice of a constable on four occasions only according to the minute book,⁵ but, during most of the century, the constable in Surrey parishes was normally chosen each year at quarter sessions in this way, and Wimbledon seems to have been no exception.⁶ The reasons for the omission of the record of nominations for the position of constable from the vestry minutes are not apparent.

¹ S.R.O. P5/5/8, pp. 278–87.

² S.R.O. P5/3/479, p. 24.

³ For the surveyors and the maintenance of the roads see S. and B. Webb, *The Story of the King's Highway* (1913), reissued in 1963 as 'English Local Government', vol. V, with a new introduction by G. J. Ponsonby.

⁴ *Court Rolls*, p. 304.

⁵ In three of these cases the appointments made were interim measures to fill vacancies caused by the death of the person already in office or by his departure from the parish.

⁶ Many of the lists submitted are retained in the Surrey Q.S. Bundles.

The constable was assisted in his task of keeping law and order by two head-boroughs,¹ but mention is made of no more than one of these officers at a time in the vestry minutes.

THE CHURCH

Wimbledon was a peculiar of the see of Canterbury in the archbishop's deanery of Croydon. The dean or commissary of the deaneries of the Arches, London, Shoreham and Croydon, usually acting through his surrogate, had powers in the parish similar to those exercised by archdeacons in other parishes. They included the right to conduct visitations. The deaneries and their constituent peculiars were administered from Doctors' Commons, the college of the doctors of civil law in London, where the Court of Arches and other ecclesiastical courts were held. This explains the applications made to 'the Commons' for faculties for alterations to the fabric of the church and for the confirmation of a new scale of burial fees (nos. 168, 228, 264).

The part the perpetual curates² or ministers of Wimbledon played in the conduct of parish affairs is difficult to assess. Their attendance at vestry meetings was not obligatory and Rev. John Cooksey (1738-77) was absent from them for many long periods, sometimes three or four years at a time. His successor, Rev. Herbert Randolph (1777-1819), was, on the other hand, a fairly consistent attender. It is probable that the ministers took the chair at some meetings as they did in other parishes.³

Matters in which the ministers took an active part were naturally mainly ecclesiastical—burial fees, registration, and the church rebuilding fund, for example. On one occasion Cooksey nominated a churchwarden (no. 300), but the record of his attendance at Easter vestries (ten out of a possible thirty-two) shows that this interest was exceptional. There was no equivalent of a vicar's warden at Wimbledon during this period of the church's history.

The most usual item of church business considered at vestry meetings, apart from the appointment of churchwardens, was for many years the allocation of pews. In 1785, however, a committee was formed to supervise the repairs of the church (no. 403), and from then onwards both vestry and committee were constantly occupied with this problem which became the most important single piece of business noted in the minutes during the next three years. The alterations undertaken were so extensive that they amounted to an almost complete rebuilding of the church. At the last meeting recorded in this minute book the vestry decided that the church should be re-opened on 6 July 1788 (no. 454), but it was not until 25 Jan. 1790 that John Johnson, surveyor or architect, was able to report that the work was completed.⁴ St Mary's as it now stood was not satisfactory and it was rebuilt in 1843.

¹ *Court Rolls*, p. 304.

² The living was a perpetual curacy until it was styled a vicarage in 1868 (*The Victoria History of the County of Surrey*, vol. IV (1912), p. 125).

³ But Corbyn Morris twice occupied the chair when Cooksey was present (Appendix Ia, nos. 280 and 293), and once when Randolph was there (Appendix Ia, no. 332). Sir Richard Hotham also presided over a meeting in which Randolph took part (Appendix Ia, no. 340).

⁴ S.R.O. P5/3/479, p. 25.

CHARITIES

Three of the parish charities were either administered by the vestry or were used to finance its activities in some way.

Lady Dorothy Cecil, an unmarried daughter of Edward Cecil, viscount Wimbledon, who died in 1638 and was buried in the parish church, established the charity which bore her name by a deed dated 2 March 1650/1. This laid down the terms on which the trustees were to disburse an income of £25 a year. Eight pounds were set aside for the repair and maintenance of her father's tomb, and any surplus arising from this was to be used for buying materials on which to set the poor of the parish to work. A further £12 were allocated for the apprenticing of poor children, and the remaining £5 were to be spent on teaching poor children to read and write.

Failure to appoint successors to the original trustees in a regular and proper manner led to the mismanagement of the charity. By Chancery decree of 11 Feb. 1744/5 the appointment of new trustees was ordered.¹ These men and their successors frequently co-operated with the vestry by providing money from the funds of the charity for apprenticing pauper children, and they also donated £5 annually to the Subscription School.

Henry Smith, alderman of the City of London, died in 1627. The provisions of his charity were set out in a number of deeds, the first of which were dated 20 Oct. 1620. His estates, which produced an income of £2,246 6s. 9d. in 1768, benefited nearly every Surrey parish as well as many outside the county. In Wimbledon the charity was distributed in the form of greatcoats.²

The third charity, which is never mentioned by name in the vestry minute book, was founded by Thomas Hilliard, who, in 1651, left 10s. charged on a house in the parish to be distributed equally among four poor widows each year.³

WIMBLEDON SCHOOLS

There were two charity schools with fifty scholars between them in Wimbledon in 1724,⁴ but there is no evidence that they were in any way connected with the schools mentioned in the vestry minute book. A school of some sort was in existence in 1749 (no. 51), and this was probably the one run by Thomas Huntingford which was mentioned in 1754 (nos. 114-16). The first recorded move towards the provision of a school by the parish was made in 1755. It was decided to commence a subscription to encourage some good schoolmaster to teach the children (no. 123). In 1757 a committee was formed to prepare a plan and estimate for erecting a schoolhouse (no. 142), and on 9 Oct. 1758 the consent of the homage of the manor of Wimbledon to the inclosure of land on the Common for the use of a charity school was enrolled.⁵ It was apparently in this school that Robert Johnson taught from 1761-8. His pupils included workhouse children for whom he assumed he should be paid, but the vestry considered that a contribution of £5 a year made by the trustees of Lady Dorothy

¹ *Charity Commissioners Reports*, pp. 51-2; S.R.O. P5/7/1-14. See also no. 2.

² For a general account of this charity see *Collections relating to Henry Smith Esq. . . .* (1800).

³ *Charity Commissioners Reports*, p. 52.

⁴ M. G. Jones, *The Charity School Movement* (1938), p. 370.

⁵ *Court Rolls*, p. 317.

Cecil's Charity covered their liability in the matter.¹ Some of the documents in the dispute between schoolmaster and vestry are printed in Appendix IIIc.

The school may have then fallen into abeyance for a few years. The first entry in the minute book of the Charity School is dated 13 June 1773. It records that Earl Spencer had granted a new lease of the schoolhouse to certain gentlemen as trustees for the parish.² The subscription was begun anew and it therefore seems likely that the earlier subscription had provided a school building but had been insufficient to meet the cost of running it. However, the school, as recommenced in 1773, flourished, and its direct descendant is the Church of England Primary School on Wimbledon Common.³

It should be noted that the school was a parish enterprise run by the subscribers to the school fund and not by the vestry.

THE VESTRY AND OTHER LOCAL GOVERNMENT AUTHORITIES

Justices of the Peace

Much of the vestry's work depended on the sanction and co-operation of the Surrey justices of the peace. Relations with the justices took place on three levels: locally with individual justices; at petty sessions; and at county level in quarter sessions.

Justices acting alone could examine persons suspected of being guilty of misdemeanours at the request of the vestry or its officers, and punish or commit them if necessary. Single justices also had non-judicial powers, but these were generally exercised by two or more of them acting together at the West Brixton 'bench'. Orders for increasing the amount of relief paid to paupers, for example, came from petty sessions rather than from individual justices. Two justices, also usually at petty sessions, examined paupers and others likely to become a burden on the parish rates, and signed removal orders if they were found not to have a legal settlement in Wimbledon. They signed settlement certificates and apprenticeship indentures. They appointed overseers and surveyors from lists of names submitted by vestry. They approved the accounts of these officers after they had been passed in vestry, and allowed the assessments for their respective rates, which had been drawn up by the parishioners. It is not clear how far these confirming actions by the justices were mere matters of form, but, as we have seen, they did refuse to accept the names put forward by the vestry for surveyors in 1750.⁴

To the justices in quarter sessions lay appeals against removal orders. Where such orders were issued in another county appeals against them were heard in the court of quarter sessions for that county.⁵

¹ S.R.O. P5/7/121-8.

² S.R.O. P5/7/129, p. 1.

³ For the history of Wimbledon Subscription School see C. T. Arnold, *Wimbledon National Schools* . . . (Wimbledon, 1912), a booklet which prints extracts from some of the parish records.

⁴ See p. xv and nos. 70, 73, 77 and 78.

⁵ For the work and records of the court of quarter sessions in Surrey, see Surrey County Council, *Quarter Sessions Records with other Records of the Justices of the Peace for the County of Surrey* (1931). The volume was also issued by this Society (S.R.S. Publications, no. XXXII). Surrey sessions records, 1659 to 1666, are printed in S.R.S. Publications, vols. XIII, XIV and XVI (1934, 1935 and 1938). These three volumes were published in conjunction with the Surrey County Council which issued a further volume, 1666 to 1668 (1951).

Wimbledon Manor

The courts of the manor of Wimbledon, a more ancient unit of secular local government than the parish, were active throughout the eighteenth century. The parish was much smaller in extent than the manor, which contained the greater part of the parishes of Mortlake and Barnes, and Putney with Roehampton, besides Wimbledon. The manor could scarcely be considered a rival to the parish, for the main business at the manorial courts was the transfer of land, the inclosure of waste, the regulation of commons and the appointment of officials. The only case of actual conflict between the vestry and the manor, which we have noted, occurred in 1792, outside the period covered by this volume, when the surveyors were accused of obstructing the common keepers.¹ The vestry was also usurping one of the original duties of the court leet when it ordered the building of new stocks (no. 63).

Commissioners of Sewers

The Surrey and Kent Board of Commissioners of Sewers, which was created in 1531, had certain powers in Wimbledon, though these were apparently rarely exercised. No reference to its work occurs in the vestry minutes, but there is amongst the parish records an order made at a General Court of Sewers at Southwark Town Hall to George Bond and William Wilberforce, surveyors of the highways in Wimbledon, requiring them to cleanse the Great Common Sewer from Coombe Bridge to Richmond New Park before 21 December 1769, or forfeit for every rod undone 3s. 4d.²

CONCLUSION

In the foregoing remarks an attempt has been made to sketch the history of the Wimbledon parish records, to describe the documents on which the text of this edition is based, and to indicate briefly how the vestry functioned in this particular parish. There remains only one final pleasant duty, that of acknowledging the editor's indebtedness for much generous help and encouragement accorded during the preparation of this book. Mrs F. M. G. Higham and Mr W. Myson read the typescript of the volume and made several excellent suggestions for its improvement. Mr F. J. Dallett, Miss R. Manning, Miss E. D. Mercer, Mr K. G. White and Miss A. Whittington gave advice and information on important points. Valuable assistance was also given on many occasions by members of the staff of the Surrey Record Office past and present. In particular, Mrs M. G. Dixon, formerly senior repairs assistant, provided the data on which the description of the vestry minute book is based.

Finally, gratitude must be expressed to Miss M. Gollancz, Surrey county archivist and honorary editor of the Surrey Record Society, who first conceived the idea for a volume of this nature and who has taken an active interest in every stage of its preparation. It has benefited much from her many suggestions.

¹ *Court Rolls*, p. 396.

² S.R.O. P5/14/38 (cf. no. 107).

EDITORIAL METHOD

THE text of the vestry minute book is in calendar or summary form, but a few entries are transcribed in full. These are placed within single inverted commas. Additions to the text from the original minutes are printed in *italic* type, and the reference to the document is in each case given in a footnote.

For convenience of reference vestry and committee meetings are numbered consecutively in this edition. There are no such numbers in the minute book. Headings to the minutes are shortened. All meetings were claimed to be held 'at the parish church' unless otherwise stated.¹

Words, letters and figures added to the text by the editor are printed within square brackets. Editorial comment is in *italic* type within square brackets. The page numbers of the minute book are inserted in the text in the form [p. 96], at the point where the page commences.

Consecutive entries related in subject matter are usually printed in one paragraph although they are separated in the minute book, and items in lists and accounts are also run together, where possible, into a single paragraph.

Lists of vestrymen and committee members attending each meeting are omitted from the text and presented in the form of an index in Appendix Ia. The number attending any particular meeting, or signing to its record, is given in *italic* figures in square brackets (e.g. [9]) at the point at which the list of names occurs in the minute book.

Spelling is usually modernized. Where the original spelling is preserved it is distinguished by the use of single inverted commas. Common Christian names are abbreviated (see List of Abbreviations, p. xxiii). Surnames are printed with the same spelling as is in the minute book.

The documents in the Appendices are printed in full except where otherwise stated.

¹ But see the remarks on vestry meeting places on p. xii.

ABBREVIATIONS

GENERAL

| | | | |
|--------|------------|--------|-----------------------|
| Epiph. | Epiphany | Q.S. | Quarter Sessions |
| L.D. | Lady Day | R.O. | Record Office |
| Mich. | Michaelmas | S.R.O. | Surrey Record Office |
| pr | pair | S.R.S. | Surrey Record Society |
| p.w. | per week | Wid. | Widow |

CHRISTIAN NAMES

| | | | |
|-------|-------------|------|-----------|
| Alex. | Alexander | Jo. | John |
| Ar. | Arthur | Jos. | Joseph |
| Ben. | Benjamin | Mi. | Michael |
| Ch. | Charles | Nat. | Nathaniel |
| Chr. | Christopher | Pe. | Peter |
| Dan. | Daniel | Ph. | Philip |
| Edm. | Edmund | Ri. | Richard |
| Edw. | Edward | Ro. | Robert |
| Eliz. | Elizabeth | Sam. | Samuel |
| Fra. | Francis | Ste. | Stephen |
| Fre. | Frederick | Th. | Thomas |
| Geo. | George | Wa. | Walter |
| He. | Henry | Wi. | William |
| Ja. | James | | |

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| Bartlett | William A. Bartlett, <i>The History and Antiquities of the Parish of Wimbledon</i> (1865). |
| Charity Commissioners Reports | <i>The Reports of the Commissioners appointed in pursuance of various Acts of Parliament to enquire concerning Charities in England and Wales relating to the County of Surrey, 1819-1837.</i> |
| Court Rolls | <i>Extracts from the Court Rolls of the Manor of Wimbledon</i> , vol. I (1866). |
| Mon. Inscr. | A. W. Hughes Clarke, <i>Monumental Inscriptions in the Church and Churchyard of St Mary's Wimbledon . . .</i> (1934). The volume was a supplement to <i>Miscellanea Genealogica et Heraldica</i> . |
| <i>The Parish and the County</i> | S. and B. Webb, <i>The Parish and the County</i> (1906), reissued in 1963 as 'English Local Government', vol. I, with a new introduction by B. Keith-Lucas. |
| W.P.R. | <i>The Parish Register of Wimbledon . . .</i> (S.R.S. Publications, no. XXII (vol. VIII) (1925)). |

WIMBLEDON VESTRY MINUTES, 1736 AND 1743-1788

1 ¹ 8 March 1735/6. *Wi. West allowed 2s. 6d. p.w. Mr Till to pay Th. Nicholls's wife 16s. for her trouble with Cumley's [wife].*²

Mr Till to take Wid. Pigg's son to keep and to be allowed 1s. p.w. The overseers to pay Wid. Pigg £1 2s. 6d. for 3 quarters' rent, she having been sick, and 4s. more to defray her expenses and her son's during the 4 [weeks they] ² have been here.

Mr Till to pay Cumley's wife 2s. 6d. p.w. and no more.

The inmates and others who have intruded into the parish are to be summoned before the bench to give certificates to indemnify the parish. [7 vestrymen present]

2 [p. 1] 20 June 1743. [7]

*Mr Edwards to be desired in the name of the parish to speak to Sir Edw. Bettinson to convey the trust estate left by Lady Dorothy Cecill to charitable uses in Wimbledon to such persons as shall be recommended him by the parish. Ro. Cole to be desired to lay before the vestry an account of the receipts and disbursements relating to the said trust estate on Mon. 11 July at 9 o'clock in the forenoon. In case of neglect or refusal, which it is hoped will not be, the parish will proceed against him in the Court of Chancery to compel him to it.*³

Adjourned till Saturday night at 7 o'clock.

29 Apr. 1744. *Ordered at a vestry meeting that the above order be entered in the new book as an order of vestry.*

[p. 2 is blank]

3 [p. 3] 27 March 1744. *The following officers appointed: Geo. Haydon, Swift Kirby churchwardens. And 4 people nominated for overseers: Th. Cogger, Ch. Piggott, Dan. Watney, Th. Goodinge.*

Resolved that it be a standing order that there be a week's notice for all vestries for business relating to the parish for the future and that the business be declared at the time of calling the vestry. [12]

[p. 4 is blank]

4 [p. 5] 29 Apr. 1744, for settling the pension on the poor. *Wid. Goldsmith 1s. p.w., Wid. Stevens 1s. 6d., Wid. Brooks 2s., Wid. Goater 1s. 6d., Wid. Broughton 2s., Wid. Bowen 2s., Wid. Greentree [and] 4 children 3s., Wid. Arnold 1s. 6d., Wid. Lewer [and] 4 children 3s., Wi. Slade 2s., Sarah Gadd 2s., West's children 2s. 6d., Mary Greenfeild 1s. 6d., Beacham's children 2s., Sarah Hopper 2s. (ordered to be put out), Ja. Cox 1s. 6d., Th. Dickason 1s., Eager's children 4s. [Total] £1 16s.*

¹ S.R.O. P5/3/1. Memorandum of a vestry meeting.

² MS. torn.

³ See Introduction, p. xvii.

Jos. Turner's pension to be taken off for the summer half-year. Sam. Taylor to be relieved by the churchwardens at their discretion. [11]

[*p. 6 is blank*]

5 [p. 7] 2 July 1744. A warrant to be taken out to distrain upon such persons as will not pay to the poor's rate.

Ann Lewer's pension to be taken off 1s. p.w. and to be 2s., and Susan Stevens to be put on 6d. more which makes her pension 2s. [13]

6 [p. 8] 29 July 1744. The churchwardens and overseers are to grant a certificate to Edw. Tyner removed by warrant from Wandsworth to this parish, and give him such relief as they think fit.¹ [5]

7 9 Sept. 1744. Wid. Tyner's pension settled for the winter half-year at 2s. p.w. to L.D. 1745.

A letter to be sent to Wi. Humphreys, executor to Wi. Briand decd., to inform him that the goods will be distrained as the law directs for the poor's rate in 1743. [8]

8 [p. 9] 13 Oct. 1744. Eliz. Wilder allowed 2s. p.w. pension and £1 5s. p.a. for rent and firing; Sam. Taylor 2s. pension; Mary Turner 4s. till this day fortnight, to be paid by the overseers. [9]

9 [p. 10] 4 Nov. 1744. To Wid. Goldsmith 1s. p.w., Wid. Stevens 3s., Wid. Brooks 2s., Wid. Goater 1s. 6d., Wid. Broughton 2s., Wid. Bowen 2s., Wid. Greentree 3s., Wid. Arnold 1s. 6d., Wid. Lewer 2s. 6d., Wid. Wilder 2s., Wi. Slade 2s., West's children 2s. 6d., Mary Greenfeild 1s. 6d., Beacham's children 2s., Ja. Cox 1s. 6d., Th. Dickinson 1s., Eager's children 4s., Sam. Taylor 2s., Mary Turner 2s., Wid. Tyner 2s. [Total] £2 1s.

The above pension settled and to continue for the winter half-year.

Wi. Jennings jun. allowed £2 12s. 6d. p.a. to do all the parish business, such as making the rates, writing the accounts and attending the vestries as usual, beginning Easter 1744 and ending Easter 1745. [6]

10 [p. 11] 18 Nov. 1744. Ja. Wheeler allowed 1s. 6d. p.w. pension for the winter half-year.

The overseers are to pay the churchwardens their casual poor bills to Mich. 1744 as passed at vestry this day. [7]

11 [p. 12] 26 Dec. 1744. A rate granted for the service of the poor [at] 1s. 4d. in the pound [and] a rate for the service of the church at 2d. for 1744.

Memorandum of the persons that have had the coats the gift of He. Smith for this 3 year: 1742 Sam. Taylor, Ro. Maybank, Ja. Cox, Ri. Mayson. 1743 Jo. Row, Jo. Beacham, Jo. English, Ja. Wheeler. 1744 Ja. Adams the elder, Th. Feild, Jo. Brown, Ri. Stevens.

12 [p. 13] 10 March 1744[/5]. Jos. Turner allowed 1s. 6d. p.w. pension.

Mr Kirby churchwarden his casual poor bill to be paid by the overseer. [6]

13 16 Apr. 1745. The following officers nominated: Swift Kirby, Ri. Till churchwardens. Th. Goodinge, Jo. Solomon, Jo. Murfett, Jo. Inward, Ch. Pigott overseers. [9]

¹ A copy of the examination to determine the place of Tyner's legal settlement is printed in Appendix IIIa.

14 [p. 14] 12 May 1745. To Wid. Goldsmith 1s., Wid. Stevens 3s., Wid. Brooks 1s., Wid. Goater 1s. 6d., Wid. Broughton 2s., Wid. Bowen 2s., Wid. Greentree 2s., Wid. Arnold 1s. 6d., Wid. Lewer 2s., Wid. Wilder 2s., Wi. Slade 2s., West's children 2s. 6d., Mary Greenfeild 1s. 6d., Beacham's children 2s., Ja. Cox [and] Th. Dickinson pension taken off, Eager's children 4s., Sam. Taylor 2s., Ja. Wheeler 1s., Jos. Turner 1s., Wid. Tyner pension taken off. Total p.w. £1 14s.

The above pension settled and to continue for the summer half-year.

Wi. Jennings jun. allowed £3 p.a. to do all the parish business as usual and to be paid by the overseers from Easter 1745 to Easter 1746. [5]

15 [p. 15] 26 May 1745. The pension settled [*as in no. 14 with the following differences:*] Wid. Stevens and children 3s., Wid. Brooks 1s. 6d., Ja. Cox 1s., Jo. Dickinson 1s. [Total] £1 16s. 6d.

Jo. Dickinson allowed a shirt for arrears, Wid. Greentree's children a shift each, and Gadd's child a pr of shoes and stockings. [7]

16 [p. 16] 25 Aug. 1745. The late surveyors' accounts of Zachary Chambers and Svift Kirby for 1744 passed and signed. Memorandum. Arrears of the Duchess Dowager of Marlborough's executors for 1741 £1 1s., 1742 £2 16s., 1743 £4 4s., 1744 £4 4s. [Total] £12 5s. Mr Collins is in arrears for the same years. Mr Haines is to work or pay for a plough-land. Mark Hawkins is in arrears for 3 days' work for 1744. The parish expects that Ste. Biss Esq. doth work according to law. [7]

17 [p. 17] 8 Sept. 1745. The overseers asked the vestry whether they should apply for warrants of distress against Mrs Dowdeswell for 8s. charged to the poor for her house and woods, Edw. Heard for 6s. 8d. for his house, Ri. Palmer for 5s. 4d. for his house, Th. Hopkins for 4s. for his house, and Jo. Porter for £3 14s. 8d. for his farm, all for 1744. They are to apply for warrants against them all.

Wid. Goater's pension taken off entirely; Ja. Cox allowed 2s. p.w.; Susan Stevens's pension taken off 1s. p.w. [10]

[p. 18] Names and ages of the children kept by the parish, taken 8 Sept. 1745 at a vestry.

Wid. Stevens's children: Mary aged 14 years, fit for service; William 11, fit to be put out apprentice; Samuel 9.

Wid. Greentree's children: Thomas 14, fit to be put out apprentice; Elizabeth 12; Ann 10; Edward 9.

West's children: Mary about 10; Edward 7.

Wid. Beacham's children: Mary 10; James 9.

Eager's children: Sarah 19; Elizabeth 14; Mary 9; Luca 9.

Gad's child and Hopper's child: Sarah Gad 14; Sarah Hopper 14.

Wid. Lewer's children: Elizabeth 13; Ann 11; William 8; Jane 6.

18 [p. 19] 20 Oct. 1745. Wid. Tyner's child to be put out apprentice at the churchwardens' and overseers' discretion.

Mr Kirby churchwarden's casual poor's bill is passed and signed and is to be paid by the present overseer.

Wid. Brooks allowed 2s. p.w. pension for the child called Ri. Wimbledon.

Pension settled for the winter half-year. Wid. Goldsmith 1s., Wid. Stevens

2s., Wid. Brooks 2s., Wid. Bowan 2s., Wid. Greentree 2s., Wid. Arnold 1s. 6d., Wid. Lewer 2s., Wid. Wilder 2s., Wi. Slade 2s., West's children 2s. 6d., Mary Greenfeild 1s. 6d., Beacham's children 4s., Ja. Cox 2s., Jo. Dickinson 1s., Eager's children 4s., Sam. Taylor 2s., Ja. Wheeler 1s., Jos. Turner 1s., Ri. Wimbledon 2s. [Total] £1 17s. 6d. [7]

19 [p. 20] 15 Dec. 1745. The late churchwardens' and overseers' accounts passed and signed.

The churchwardens are to give Wi. Slade 5s. for relief, being sick. Jos. Turner allowed 3s. p.w. pension.

The churchwardens and overseers are to take an inventory of Ja. Cox's goods for the safety of the parish.¹ [8]

20 [p. 21] 26 Dec. 1745. The following put in nomination to serve surveyors : Zachary Chambers Esq., Jo. Inward, Ri. Harrise, He. Akers, Ri. Carter.

The overseers' rate to be 1s. 3d. in the pound [and] the church rate 2d. for 1745.

[*Clothing and money allowed.*] Wid. Arnold 2 shifts, 1 under petticoat, 1 apron and 2s. p.w. pension. Wid. Lewer's eldest girl Ann 1 gown, 1 upper petticoat, 2 shifts, 1 pr of shoes ; Wi. Lewer 2 shirts, 1 pr of shoes ; Jane Lewer 2 shifts, 1 pr of shoes, and yarn to knit 2 pr of stockings each for the 3 children. Wid. Greentree's children as follows : Elizabeth 1 shift, 1 petticoat ; Ann 1 shift, 1 petticoat and gown, 1 pr of leather bodice ; Edward 1 shirt, and each of the 3 children 1 pr of shoes and yarn to knit 2 pr of stockings. Wid. Brooks 2 shifts. Jane Comblin's children as follows : Mary Cumblin 1 pr of shoes, 1 pr of stockings ; Eliz. Cumblen 1 pr of shoes, 1 pr of stockings, 1 upper petticoat. [6]

The names of the persons that had the coats for 1745 : Sam. Taylor, Jos. Turner, Ri. Cobham, Jo. Maybank.

21 [p. 22] 23 Feb. 1745[/6]. Tyner's boy allowed 2s. p.w. pension.

The churchwardens are to pay Ja. Wheeler's son for the burial of his father, £1 10s.

The churchwardens' casual poor's bill allowed.

[*Clothing and money allowed.*] Jos. Turner 2s. p.w. pension. West's children : Mary 1 gown, 1 upper petticoat, 2 shifts, 2 pr of stockings, 1 pr of shoes ; Edward 1 coat and waistcoat, a pr of breeches, 2 shirts, 2 pr of stockings, 1 pr of shoes. Beacham's children 2 pr of stockings and 1 pr of shoes each. Wid. Brooks 1 pr of stockings, 1 pr of shoes. Wid. Stevens's boy Samuel 2 shirts. Wid. Greentree's boy Edward a waistcoat. [7]

22 [p. 23] 1 Apr. 1746. The underwritten persons put in nomination to serve churchwardens and overseers : Ri. Till, Ch. Pigott churchwardens. Hon. Th. Walker, Ste. Biss Esq., Dan. Watney, Jo. Inward overseers.

The accounts of Zachary Chambers and Dan. Watney [late] surveyors allowed. [10]

23 [p. 24] 4 May 1746. Jo. Solomon and Jo. Murfett late overseers' accounts approved.

Jo. Dickinson allowed 2 shirts.

¹ In no. 29 this order is repeated and the inventory set out following the record of the meeting.

The churchwardens, overseers and other inhabitants acknowledge the parish indebted to Hon. Th. Walker the sum of £50 borrowed from him this day, which the overseers promise to pay as soon as a rate is granted and money collected for this year.

The pensioners' list settled for the summer half-year. Wid. Goldsmith 1s., Wid. Stevens 2s., Wid. Brooks 2s., Wid. Bowen 2s., Wid. Greentree 2s., Wid. Arnold 2s., Wid. Lewer 2s., Wid. Wilder 2s., Wi. Slade 2s., West's children 2s. 6d., Mary Greenfield 2s., Beacham's children 4s., Ja. Cox 2s., Jo. Dickinson 2s., Eager's children with Wid. Bowen 4s., Eager's child with Wid. Arnold 2s., Sam. Taylor 2s., Jos. Turner 2s., Tyner's boy 2s. [Total] £2 1s. 6d.

The churchwardens are to take out a citation against those who refuse to pay their rate. [8]

24 [p. 25] 29 June 1746. [*Clothing and money allowed.*] Wid. Goose 1s. p.w. pension. Sam. Stevens 1 pr of shoes and yarn to knit 2 pr of stockings. Eager's children with Wid. Bowen a shift, 2 caps, 1 apron, 2 handkerchiefs, 1 pr of shoes, 1 pr of stockings each. Jo. Skinner 2 shirts. W. Slade 1 shirt. [6]

25 [p. 26] 13 July 1746. Ja. Eades came and made his complaint on being 'appressed' of having 2 soldiers and himself sick with the smallpox, which the gentlemen of the vestry heard and adjourned to the next vestry.

26 17 Aug. 1746. Swift Kirby late churchwarden's accounts allowed.

The overseers are to pay the burial dues of Mary Russell and a child that was drowned at the Copper Mills. [6]

[p. 27] [*The entry for no. 26 is here repeated.*]

27 12 Oct. 1746. The churchwardens, overseers and other inhabitants appoint the 3 underwritten boys to be put out and apprenticed by the gift of Edw. Woods, viz. George son of Geo. Scarnell, John son of Ri. Stevens, Richard son of Sam. English. They appoint Swift Kirby one of the trust to receive the money and apply the same to the use above.

The overseers are to buy Ja. Beacham a pr of breeches. [6]

28 [p. 28] 26 Dec. 1746. The poor's rate for 1746 to be at 1s. 6d. in the pound [and] the church rate at 2d.

The following put in nomination to serve surveyors: Zachary Chambers Esq., Ri. Harrise, Ja. Inward, Jo. Solomon.

Unanimously agreed that Ja. Spyers is not an inhabitant of this parish.

[*Clothing and money allowed.*] Sam. Stevens a coat, 2 shirts, 1 pr of shoes and yarn to knit 2 pr of stockings. Wid. Lewer 1s. more to her pension until 1 March; the 2 girls a gown and petticoat, 1 pr of shoes and yarn to knit 1 pr of stockings each; the boy a coat, a pr of breeches, 1 pr of shoes and yarn to knit 1 pr of stockings. Wid. Greentree 1s. p.w. more to her pension until 1 March; the 2 girls a gown and petticoat, 2 shifts, 1 pr of shoes and yarn to knit 2 pr of stockings each; the boy a coat, 2 shirts, 1 pr of breeches, 1 pr of shoes and yarn to knit 2 pr of stockings. The 2 girls of Eager's with Wid. Bowen a gown and petticoat, 2 shifts, 2 caps, 2 aprons, 2 handkerchiefs each; Wid. Bown's boy a coat and a pr of breeches. West's children as follows: the girl a gown and petticoat, a shift, 2 caps, 2 aprons, 2 handkerchiefs, 1 pr of shoes and 1 pr of stockings; the boy a coat, a pr of breeches, a shirt, 1 pr of shoes and stockings.

[p. 29] Wi. Slade 4s. p.w. pension so long as the officers think proper. Eliz. Cumblin a gown and petticoat and a pr of stockings. Tyner's boy a coat, waistcoat and a pr of breeches. Jo. Skinner a coat, a pr of breeches and 1 pr of shoes and stockings. Jos. Turner 2s. 6d. p.w. pension until 1 April. [6]

The names of them that had the coats the gift of He. Smith : Ri. English,¹ Ri. Lowick, Wi. Bingham elder, Jo. Row.

29 [p. 30] 1 March 1746[/7]. An inventory to be taken of Ja. Coxé's goods for the security of the parish.

Wid. Lancaster's 3 children allowed apparel to be clothed according to the rest of the parish children, and [they are] to be relieved until the next meeting at the officers' discretion.

An account of Ann Lancaster's goods according to her account.

A bed, bolster and quilt at Mr Bennitt's in 'golding' Lane near Cripplegate, 4s.

A table and bedstead in the landlord's hand, 4s.

2 saws, an axe, planes and other tools in the hands of Mr Porter. [7]

[p. 31] A copy of the inventory of Ja. Coxé's goods taken 1 March 1746[/7].

In the kitchen. A chest of drawers all complete ; a white square deal table ; 2 round tables ; 7 chairs ; a bed and bedstead and 4 pillows and all belonging to the bed ; a warming pan ; 9 pewter plates and 10 dishes ; 17 earthen plates and dishes ; a parcel of teacups and saucers, in number 12 ; 5 brass candlesticks, 2 iron candlesticks ; 2 flat-irons, 1 box-iron ; 2 choppers, a spit and a skimmer ; 3 brass porridge pots and kettles ; 1 pr of bellows ; 1 chest, 1 jointstool ; 1 looking-glass and window curtains ; 1 pr of pot-hooks ; 1 shovel, 1 pr of tongs, 3 pr of sheets.

In the chamber. 1 bed and bedstead and bolster and all its furniture ; 1 chair ; 1 brass kettle.

An inventory of Wid. Brooks's goods taken 21 June 1748.²

A cupboard with 2 doors ; 1 old table at Stevens's ; 1 chair ; 1 box ; 1 stool ; 1 bed and bedstead ; clothing to do. ; 1 table at Lanchester's ; 1 pail ; 1 cupboard at Wi. Beadle's.

30 [p. 32] 21 Apr. 1747. The underwritten persons put in nomination to serve churchwardens and overseers : Ch. Pigott, Hon. Th. Walker churchwardens. Wi. Jackson Esq., Ri. Edwards Esq., Wi. Jennings, Th. Wray overseers. [10]

31 [p. 33] 10 May 1747. The pension settled for the summer half-year. Wid. Goldsmith 1s. p.w., Wid. Stevens 1s., Wid. Brooks 1s. 6d., Wid. Bowen 2s., the 2 children of Eager's 4s., Wid. Lewer 1s. 6d., Wid. Wilder 2s., Wi. Slade and wife 4s., West's children 2s. 6d., Mary Greenfeild 2s., Beacham's children 4s., Jo. Dickinson 2s., Wid. Arnold 2s. 6d., Sam. Taylor 1s., Jos. Turner 2s., Tyner's boy 2s., Wid. Greentree 1s. 6d., Wid. Goose 1s., Wid. Lanchester 3s. [Total] £2 os. 6d.

[Clothing and money allowed.] A pr of shoes each to the 2 children of Eager's

¹ Altered from 'English'.

² The clerk entered this inventory out of chronological order, so as to place it with the earlier inventories.

with Wid. Bowen. Wid. Arnold a shift. Lanchester's children a shift and an apron each and 1 pair of coarse sheets. Wid. Cumblin 2s. 6d. for need, her children being both sick. Beacham's boy and girl 1 pr of shoes each.

Memorandum. It was agreed at the bench of justices held 27 Apr. 1747 that Mark Hawkins pay 40s. p.a. to the poor's rate and [that] the 'Cock & Hoope house' be charged according to the rent [paid] by the occupier. Present on the bench, Jos. Chitty Esq., Geo. Medcalf Esq., Edw. Gibbon Esq. [6]

32 [p. 34] 14 June 1747. Eager's 2 children with Wid. Bowen to be removed to He. Akers jun.'s wife and allowed 3s. p.w. pension.

[*Clothing and money allowed.*] Jos. Turner [and] Wid. Brooks 6d. p.w. more to their pensions. Wid. Arnold a shift and 1 apron. The 2 children of Eager's a shift and 1 pr of shoes and stockings each. [7]

33 26 July 1747. Wi. Slade's pension reduced from 4s. p.w. to 3s. for the summer season.

[*Clothing and money allowed.*] Sam. Taylor 2s. p.w. pension. Jo. Dickinson 2 shirts and a coarse sheet. Wid. Lanchester 1 pr of shoes. Wid. Goose 2s. to help her along. Wid. Lewer's 3 children a shirt or shift each. [7]

34 [p. 35] 16 Aug. 1747. [*Blank*] Hall allowed subsistence according to the officers' discretion, and they are to take an inventory of his goods. Jo. Brown and family allowed subsistence according to the officers' discretion while sick and Mr Rose is to be employed as physician to them. [8]

35 13 Sept. 1747. Ph. Lee's wife and daughter allowed necessities and attendance during their sickness. Wid. Brown allowed 7s. p.w. during their sickness and then her pension to be 4s. p.w. for her and her family.

The overseers for last year are to bring in their accounts forthwith.

Beacham's 2 children allowed 2 shifts or shirts and a pr of shoes and stockings each.

Mr Rose to be employed as a physician during the sickness of the poor people. [10]

36 [p. 36] 25 Oct. 1747. The overseers are to take half of the doctor's bill and all other charges of Ewell officers for taking care of Ph. Lee's daughter.

Ri. Palmer late constable allowed 6s. for attending 6 special sessions.

[*Clothing allowed.*] Jo. Skinner 2 shirts and a coarse sheet. Sam. Taylor 1 shirt. Wid. Arnold 2 shifts and a petticoat.

The pension settled for the winter season. Wid. Goldsmith 1s. p.w., Wid. Stevens 1s., Wid. Brooks 2s., Wid. Bowen 2s., Eager's 2 children 4s., Wid. Lewer 1s. 6d., Wi. Slade and wife 3s., Weste's children 2s. 6d., Mary Greenfeild 2s., Beacham's children 4s., Jo. Dickinson 2s., Wid. Arnold 2s. 6d., Sam. Taylor 2s., Jos. Turner 2s. 6d., Tyner's boy 2s., Wid. Greentree 1s. 6d., Wid. Goose 2s., Wid. Lanchester 4s., Wid. Brown 4s., Wid. Wilder 2s., Margett Stone 2s., Wid. Greentree sen. 1s. [Total] £2 10s. 6d. [7]

37 [p. 37] 22 Nov. 1747. Memorandum. Fardinando Dowdeswell to be charged for 4 acres of woodland and Hon. Th. Walker's ground-rent.

The thanks of the vestry to be given to Hon. Th. Walker for lending to the late overseers £50 to enable them to execute their office. Memorandum. The said £50 is now repaid.

Wid. Greentree sen. allowed 1s. p.w. pension to commence from 25 Oct. Jo. Maybank allowed relief at the discretion of the officers.

The late overseers brought in their accounts and vouchers and have been allowed.

Mr Haines to do his statute or pay to the highways for a ploughland. [13]

38 [p. 38] 13 Dec. 1747. Dame Blake allowed relief according to the discretion of the officers. Jo. Maybank to continue to be allowed [relief] according to the discretion of the officers.

The officers are to fetch home from Ewell Jo. Hall and his goods and [he is] to be put along with Jane Comblin for the present.

The persons that have the coats the gift of He. Smith for 1747: Ja. Cox, Th. Crutcher, Ro. Maybank, Geo. Higham. [10]

39 [p. 39] 26 Dec. 1747. The poor's rate for 1747 to be at 1s. 10d. in the pound.

An order to be taken out to remove Wi. Percy and Jo. Blake and their wives to their respective parishes.

Mr Spyers to be charged to the poor's rate for 1747 two-thirds of £200 p.a.

The following put in nomination to be presented to the bench of justices for them to choose 2 of them to serve surveyors: Z. Chambers Esq., Geo. Haydon, Ja. Inward, Ri. Till.

The church rate for 1747 postponed until the accounts of 1746 are brought in and passed.

Sain. Stevens to be put out apprentice as soon as a master can be got for him.

The clothing for the poor people and children.

Sam. Stevens a coat, yarn to knit 2 pr of stockings, a shirt, and his shoes to be mended. Wid. Bowen's boy a coat, a shirt, yarn to knit 2 pr of stockings, and a pr of new shoes. Eager's children with He. Acres jun. a shift, 1 pr of shoes and stockings and 2 caps each. Lewer's boy a coat and a pr of shoes and stockings; the 2 girls a gown and a pr of shoes and stockings each, and the eldest girl to be put out to service. [p. 40] West's boy a coat, 2 shirts, a pr of breeches and a pr of shoes and stockings; the girl a gown and petticoat, 2 shifts and a petticoat, and 1 pr of shoes and stockings. Beacham's children's pension continued until L.D. and allowed 1 pr of shoes and stockings. Jo. Dickinson a coat and a pr of breeches. Wid. Arnold a gown. Wid. Greentree's boy a shirt, and the 2 girls a shift and yarn to knit a pr of stockings each, and her pension raised to 2s. 6d. p.w. for 2 months and 2s. afterwards. Wid. Lanchester's 2 girls a pr of shoes and stockings each. Wid. Brown's boy a coat and a pr of shoes and stockings; the girl Martha a gown and a pr of shoes and stockings. Jo. Skinner a shirt and a pr of shoes. Wi. Slade and wife 6d. p.w. more pension. Jo. Maybank 1s. p.w. paid as casual poor until further orders. Eliz. Cumblin 1 pr of shoes and stockings.

Warning to be given to Wid. Becaks to quit the house at L.D. [10]

40 [p. 41] 17 Jan. 1747[/8]. Adjourned until 4 in the afternoon at Ja. Eades's at the 'Red Lyon'.

A petition is to be got and forwarded for getting Wi. Bingham sen. into St Thomas's Hospital for curing his broken knee-pan, and in case of refusal by him or his wife the family shall not be allowed anything for pension, but

in case of compliance they shall be relieved at the discretion of the officers until next vestry.

Wid. Lanchester's 3 children allowed 1 lb. of yarn to knit 1 pr of stockings each, and 1 gown, 1 shift, 2 caps, a handkerchief and an apron each, and Wid. Lanchester to have 1 new pr of shoes. And 6d. p.w. to be taken off her pension and 1s. laid out for meat every week until Easter at the discretion of the officers.

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41 [p. 42] 14 Feb. 1747[/8]. [*Accounts of the following persons allowed:*] Ri. Till late churchwarden. Zachary Chambers and Ri. Carter.

Wi. Brown allowed 2 shirts.

The church rate for 1747 to be at 3d. in the pound.

[*Clothing and money allowed.*] Wi. Bingham 2s. p.w. at the discretion of the officers until next vestry. Wid. Brooks a shift and a pr of shoes and stockings. Wid. Greentree's children a pr of shoes each, the girl a gown, the boy a coat.

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42 [p. 43] 13 March 1747[/8]. Widows Stevens's, Lewer's, Greentree's, Beacham's and West's children to be allowed no pension until they come and lay before the vestry the reason why they refused to let their children go out apprentice when masters and mistresses [were] ready got for them.

Wid. Pace allowed relief at the discretion of the officers. 10s. 6d. to be given to Aweling towards the clothing of Tyner's boy. Jo. Skinner allowed relief at the discretion of the officers.

Lewer's girl Ann allowed 2 shifts, 2 aprons, 2 caps and a petticoat if she consent that her daughter be bound out apprentice for 1 year if she likes after a month's trial, but if she will not consent to be bound she is not to be allowed anything, and it shall be a standing order for all children that are burdensome to the parish.

Ann Brown's pension reduced from 4s. to 2s. 6d. p.w. until next vestry. [8]

43 [p. 44] 12 Apr. 1748. Jo. Hall to be allowed no relief until he comes to this parish and then to be relieved at discretion of the officers until next vestry. Jo. Skinner to be allowed no relief, for it is the opinion of the vestry that he is capable of doing something for a livelihood.

The underwritten persons put in nomination to serve churchwardens and overseers: Hon. Th. Walker, Dan. Watney churchwardens. Wi. Jackson Esq., Ri. Edwards Esq., Ri. Carter, Edw. Terry overseers.

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44 [p. 45] 15 May 1748. Wid. Brooks allowed a shift.

Ann James allowed relief at the discretion of the officers until next bench day to take her examination of her last legal settlement. Wid. Blake allowed relief at the discretion of the officers until next bench day. Jo. Skinner and Frank Pace allowed no relief, for it is the opinion of the vestry that they are capable of getting their own living.

The pension list settled for the summer season. Wid. Goldsmith 1s., Wid. Brooks 2s., Wid. Bowen 2s., Eager's 2 children 4s., Wi. Slade and wife 3s., Jo. Dickinson 2s., Mary Greenfeild 2s., Sam. Taylor 2s., Jos. Turner 2s. 6d., Tyner's boy 2s., Wid. Goose 1s., Wid. Lanchester 3s. 6d., Wid. Brown 2s. 6d., Wid. Wilder 2s. 6d., Margett Stone 2s., Wid. Greentree sen. 1s. [Total] £1 15s.

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45 [p. 46] 19 June 1748. Jo. Skinner allowed 1s. 6d. p.w. pension, 4 lbs. of meat every week, a kettle to boil his meat in, a pr of drawers and 1 pr of stockings.

Wid. Blake from 'Town Malden', Kent, has made complaint to the vestry for them to pay her rent for a year and a half at Midsummer which is 45s., and they agree to allow her 40s. to pay part of her rent and to bear her charges down.

Lowick's children to be allowed relief during the time of their having the smallpox at the discretion of the officers.

Wid. Lancaster allowed a shift, and the 3 children a shift or shirt each.

Wid. Bowen to be removed as soon as a convenient place can be got for her, and help is to be got to cure her and her family with the itch as soon as possible, and [she is to have] 1s. p.w. pension more.

Margett Stone allowed 1s. p.w. pension until next vestry.

Wi. Jennings allowed 30s. towards the charge of binding Israel Adams apprentice to the freedom of the City of London.

Wid. Blake to be re-examined touching the place of her birth or her last legal settlement before marriage. [7]

46 [p. 47] 24 July 1748. A legacy of £100 given by the will of Mrs Ann Lordell late of this parish, decd.,¹ to 10 poor families of this parish, was distributed by the direction of Wi. Hanger Esq., her executor, in open vestry to the following parishioners each being paid £10, viz. Ja. Adams, Ri. Lowick, Jo. Beacham, Ri. Cobham, Ri. Stevens, Ri. English, Fra. Trevour, Ri. Till, Ro. Maybank, Larancelett Fenton.

[A form of the receipt signed by the recipients of this legacy is here set down.]

Mr Southouse applied for the pew in this church in which Mrs Ann Lordell usually sat [and this request] is unanimously agreed to.

Wi. Penny to be allowed relief at the discretion of the officers until a petition can be got to get him into St George's Hospital at 'high park Corner' by a letter to be granted from the Rt Hon. Lady Georgina Spencer.

[Clothing and money allowed.] Wi. Brown a coat, waistcoat, breeches, 2 shirts, 2 pr of stockings, 1 pr of shoes and a hat. Eager's girl with Larance Fenton 2 shifts, 1 pr of shoes, 2 pr of stockings. He. Adams 2s. p.w. pension until Mich. from a month's pay to be dated backwards. [15]

47 [p. 48] 25 Sept. 1748. Pension list settled for the winter. Wid. Goldsmith 1s., Wid. Brooks 2s., Wid. Bowen 3s., Eager's child 2s., Wi. Slade and wife 3s., Jo. Dickinson 2s., Mary Greenfeild 2s., Sam. Taylor 2s., Jos. Turner 2s. 6d., Tyner's boy 2s., Wid. Goose 1s. 6d., Wid. Lanchester 3s. 6d., Wid. Brown 2s. 6d., Wid. Wilder 2s. 6d., Wid. Greentree sen. 1s., Jo. Skinner 1s. 6d., He. Adams 2s. [Total £1 16s.]

A rate granted for the use of the poor at 1s. in the pound for the first half-year ending at Mich.

Wid. Brooks to be allowed further relief at the discretion of the officers during her sickness.

Wi. Harrise allowed 10s. 6d. towards the relief of Beacham's children now lying ill with the smallpox.

Ann Styles's poor's rate to be set down as uncollected for 1747 she being very poor, and a warrant of distrainment to be taken out against Th. Hopkins for paying the poor's rate for the said year.

¹ Anne Lordell was buried 24 Nov. 1747 (*W.P.R.*, p. 176).

[*Clothing and money allowed.*] Ch. Wessen relief at the discretion of the officers and 1 pr of shoes, 1 pr of stockings, 1 pr of canvas breeches, 2 shirts, 1 woollen cap, 1 flannel waistcoat. Jo. Dickinson 2 shirts, 1 pr of shoes, 1 flannel waistcoat. [11]

48 [p. 49] 20 Nov. 1748. Wi. Slade and wife by order of the J.P.s are to have the weekly pension of 4s.

[*Clothing allowed.*] Mary Greenfeild a shift and apron. Wid. Lanchester's 3 children a petticoat and 1 pr of stockings and shoes each. Wid. Greentree jun.'s 2 children a shift and 1 pr of stockings and shoes each. Wid. Bowen's 2 children a shirt and shift and 1 pr of stockings and shoes each, and the boy a coat. Wid. Goose yarn to knit herself a pr of stockings and yarn to knit stockings for the use of the parish to keep her employed. Wid. Brooks 1 pr of shoes and clogs. [10]

49 [p. 50] 26 Dec. 1748. The following put in nomination to be presented to the bench of justices for them to choose 2 of them to serve surveyors : Zachary Chambers Esq., Ri. Till, Ja. Inward, Ja. Brown.

Wi. Slade's wife allowed a shift, a pr of shoes and stockings.

Unanimously agreed that Wid. Lanchester's children be taken from her and put to nurse to whom the officers shall think fit, and allowed 2s. each pension.¹

[*Clothing and money allowed.*] Wid. Goose 2s. p.w. pension to continue 1 month, and 1 pr of shoes. Wid. Brown's girl Martha a gown, 1 petticoat, 3 ells of cloth to make 2 shifts, and 1 pr of shoes and stockings. Wid. Stevens 2½ ells of cloth to make herself a shift, and her son Samuel a coat, 1 pr of breeches, 2 2 ells of cloth to make a shirt, yarn to knit 2 pr of stockings, and 1 pr of shoes. Wid. Bowen's boy 1 pr of breeches and a shirt, the girl a shift, and a frock for the child.

Swift Kirby allowed 5s. for the electuary for the cure of Bowen's family of the itch.

The church rate for 1748 to be at 2d. in the pound.

West's children to be allowed apparel at the discretion of the officers.

A citation to be taken out against Th. Hopkins for non-payment of the church rate for 1747.

[p. 51] The accounts of Zachary Chambers and Jo. Solomon decd., surveyors for 1747, together with their vouchers have been allowed. Balance due to the parish £4 3s.³

The following have the coats the gift of He. Smith for 1748 : Ro. Colyer, Jo. English, Th. Dickinson, Wi. Bingham jun.

Agreed at the adjournment at the making the church rate that Wid. Greentree be allowed 2s. p.w. pension. Wid. Slade allowed 2s. p.w. pension.⁴ [9]

50 [p. 52] 15 Jan. 1748[/9]. Adjourned until 5 o'clock in the afternoon at Mr Carter's.

Boulter's children⁵ allowed relief at the discretion of the officers.

The following ordered to [be] summoned to have their examinations taken

¹ No pension is noted in the original minute (S.R.O. P5/3/8).

² Altered from 1½ which is the reading in the original minute.

³ These accounts are not mentioned in the original minute.

⁴ The proceedings at the adjournment are not recorded in the original minute.

⁵ From the original minute (S.R.O. P5/3/3).

touching their last legal settlements, viz. [*blank*] Broughton, He. Beadle, Wi. Bramble, Jo. Brown, Pe. Pace, Mi. Archer, Nat. Gray, Mi. Wickers, Wi. Coatsworth, Geo. Pace, Jo. Jones, Geo. Blow, Mark Cobham, Chr. English.

Wi. Westbrook allowed a coat and waistcoat, 1 pr of breeches, 3 shirts, 2 caps, 2 pr of stockings and 1 pr of shoes, and to be put to nurse to Ja. Cox and his wife until he is recovered of his illness or at the discretion of the officers.

West's children's apparel, allowed at the last vestry at the discretion of the officers is as follows, viz. the boy a coat, 1 pr of leather breeches, 2 shirts, 1 pr of stockings, 1 pr of shoes; the girl 2 caps, 2 half handkerchiefs, a gown and petticoat, 2 shifts, 1 apron and 1 pr of shoes and stockings.

Lanchester's 2 girls [allowed] 2 shifts and 2 caps each, the boy 2 shirts, and the girls and boy 1 pr of stockings each.¹ [*p.* 53] Lanchester's girl with Wid. Dowdeswell allowed 1s. p.w. pension. [8]

51 29 Jan. 1748[/9]. Adjourned until 3 o'clock in the afternoon at Edw. Winchester's.

Jo. Skinner allowed 2 shirts.

Unanimously agreed that if Jo. Brown and his family do not forthwith quit this parish they shall be proceeded against as the law directs in cases of removals.

[*Clothing allowed.*] Wid. Bowen's girl a gown instead of a frock allowed her on 26 Dec. last. Ann Lanchester with Wid. Stevens a gown, 2 aprons, 2 half handkerchiefs. Sam. Stevens 2¼ ells of cloth to make him a shirt. Jos. Turner 3 ells of cloth to make a shirt, 1 yard of cloth to make 'rolers' and yarn to knit 1 pr of stockings.

Martha Brown allowed 2 aprons, 2 caps and 2 half handkerchiefs, and Wid. Brown allowed for He. Adams 2s. p.w. pension and 2s. for the time he has been with her, and he is to be kept to school at the expense of the parish until a master can be got for him.

Ja. Cox allowed for nursing Wi. Westbrook 18s. for 2 weeks past and 12s. for 2 weeks to come.

Wi. Harrise to be charged after the rate of £12 p.a., he being now charged at £15 for the first half of 1748.

Lucy Eager allowed 1 pr of stockings, 2 aprons.

Ja. Inward to be eased in the next half-year's rate to the poor, he being charged at £28 p.a. which is £2 above his rentals.

The officers are to offer Mr Smith, who married the grand-daughter of old English who now is at Wandsworth, 2s. p.w. pension and not to exceed 2s. 6d.

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52 [*p.* 54] 26 Feb. 1748[/9]. The accounts of Ch. Pigott and Hon. Th. Walker churchwardens are allowed and by the balance there is 7s. 7d. due to them. The accounts of Wi. Jennings and Th. Wray overseers for 1747 are allowed and by the balance there is £32 6s. 7d. due to the parish.

Ch. Pigott churchwarden's casual poor's bills amounting to £85 9s. ¼d. are allowed for 1746, 1747 and 1748. £32 6s. 7d. in the hands of the late overseers is to be paid to Pigott in part of his casual poor's bills, which will reduce them to £53 2s. 5¼d. which is to be paid by Wi. Jackson, Ri. Carter and Wi. Terry overseers for 1748.

¹ The original minute does not note the 2 shirts allowed to the boy.

The churchwardens are to bring in their casual poor bills every vestry or they will not be allowed.

The poor's rate for the last half-year of 1748 to be at 9*d.* in the pound, ending at L.D.

Mary Eager to be removed from Larance Jennings's to Larancelett Fenton's and allowed 2*s.* p.w. pension, and if Jennings insult Fenton or his wife he shall be proceeded against as the law directs, and the officers have orders to take him up and have him before a J.P. and have him punished.

Dan. Watney's casual poor bill allowed amounting to £1.

Wid. Wilder's pension raised from 2*s.* 6*d.* p.w. to 3*s.* Wid. Beacham allowed 2*s.* 6*d.* p.w. paid by discretion until next vestry.

The officers are to endeavour to get a letter for getting Ch. Wessin into St Thomas's Hospital, another for getting Wi. Westbrook into St George's at 'Highpark Corner', and another for getting Jo. Boulter into the said hospital at 'Highpark Corner' or either of them.

Ja. Cox and wife allowed for nursing Jo. Boulter for 2 weeks past 12*s.* p.w. and 12*s.* p.w. for a fortnight to come. [9]

53 [p. 55] 28 March 1749. The underwritten persons put in nomination to serve churchwardens and overseers : Dan. Watney, Wi. Boddicott churchwardens. Geo. Haydon, Wi. Terry, Jo. Paterson, Frank Trevour overseers.

Wid. Pace allowed as pension 2*s.* p.w.

Ch. Pigott churchwarden's casual poor's bill approved amounting to £6 4*s.* 9*d.*

Wi. Bingham to be allowed relief at the discretion of the officers.

Mr Smith baker at Wandsworth is allowed for Ri. English and wife 3*s.* p.w. pension from this day and 10 weeks' pay for time past at 2*s.* 6*d.* p.w. from 15 Jan., which is £1 5*s.*, and [the same was] paid in the presence of this vestry by Ch. Pigott churchwarden. If Ri. English or wife die then Mr Smith to be allowed 2*s.* for which of them shall live, and the parish to be at the expense of the burial of them.

[*Clothing and money allowed.*] Wid. Slade 1 pr of shoes. Wid. Beacham 2*s.* 6*d.* p.w. pension. He. Adams 2 shirts and 1 pr of breeches. Jos. Feild 10*s.* 6*d.* at 2 payments during the time Lewer's children have the smallpox.

Wi. Westbrook is capable of working to get his living and to be allowed no pension.

Lanchester's girl with Wid. Dowdeswell to be allowed clothing necessary at the discretion of the officers. [10]

54 [p. 56] 7 May 1749. The pension settled for the summer half-year. Wid. Goldsmith 1*s.* p.w.,¹ Wid. Bowen 3*s.*, Eager's girl with Fenton 2*s.*, Wid. Slade 2*s.*, Jo. Dickinson 2*s.* 6*d.*, Mary Greenfeild 2*s.*, Sam. Taylor 2*s.*, Jos. Turner 2*s.* 6*d.*, Tyner's boy 2*s.*, Wid. Goose 2*s.*, Lanchester's girl [at] Dowdeswell 1*s.*, Lanchester's boy at Stevens 2*s.* 6*d.*, Wid. Brown 2*s.* 6*d.*, Wid. Wilder 3*s.*, Wid. Greentree 2*s.*, Jo. Skinner 1*s.*, He. Adams 2*s.*, Wid. Beacham [*nil*], Wid. Pace 2*s.* [Total] £1 17*s.*

Ch. Pigott late churchwarden's casual poor's bill allowed amounting to £11 7*s.* 1½*d.*

Wid. Stevens's goods which the parish took an inventory of shall be continued for the use of the parish and not given to the children as was asked for by them.

¹ Followed by 'Widow Brooks dead' in the original minute (S.R.O. P5/3/10).

Wi. Bingham allowed relief at the discretion of the officers until further orders.

Th. Rowsell nominated constable for the year ensuing.¹ [7]

55 [p. 57] 9 July 1749. Adjourned until 3 o'clock in the afternoon at Jos. Townsend's.

Drewry Ridley and wife allowed a certificate from this parish, they having brought a copy of examination to certify that they have sworn to this parish, it being the place of his last legal settlement by servitude to Wi. Grover.

Bingham's daughter with Sam. English allowed 2s. p.w. pension and 16 weeks' pay back from this day, and 2 shifts, 2 caps, 2 handkerchiefs, 2 aprons, 1 pr of shoes, 2 pr of stockings. Sam. English is paid for Bingham's girl down to 16 July in full as by receipts given by Wi. Terry, Ch. Pigott and Dan. Watney to Sam. English for value received.

Ri. Lowick chosen beadle and allowed a greatcoat and laced hat and 1 pr of stockings. It is to be a blue coat turned up with red and lined with do., the stockings red. [10]

56 [p. 58] 20 Aug. 1749. Eager's girl with Larance Fenton allowed 2 shifts, 2 caps and 2 handkerchiefs. Lanchester's boy allowed 1 pr of breeches.

The bill of clothing Mr Pigott brought in approved, amounting to £1 1s. 2¼d.

The year's rent due at Midsummer last past for Wid. Blake at 'Town Malden', Kent, is 20s.

Jos. Turner allowed 1 shirt and 'rolers' and yarn to knit 1 pr of stockings.

Orders of removal to be taken out against the persons who have not brought certificates.

The officers are to apply to Mr Smith, justices' clerk, for him to apply to Mr Miller² for a summons to oblige Th. Nickols to be sworn in constable. He now refuses to be sworn. [8]

57 [p. 59] 24 Sept. 1749. Adjourned to Ri. Carter's.³

[Clothing and money allowed.] Jo. Lucas 1s. p.w. pension until further orders. Jo. Skinner 1 shirt, but it is to be stopped out of his pension at 6d. p.w. for 5 weeks. Eliz. Greentree clothing for her daughter provided she puts her to service and an agreement [is] made for a year to the satisfaction of the officers. Wid. Slade 1 shift and a gown. Wid. Goose 5s. to buy her some necessities such as shifts and aprons &c.

A rate granted for the use of the poor for the first half-year from L.D. to Mich. 1749 at 1s. in the pound.⁴

Whereas Wi. Brambly⁵ has been examined and appears to have a settlement in the parish of Egham and he refuses to get a certificate, it is ordered that he be had to the next bench to be removed to Egham according to law.

Bingham's girl with Sam. English allowed the old things that are her mother's to make a gown and petticoat.

¹ The names of Th. Nicholls yeoman, Ja. Brown blacksmith, and Th. Rowsell were submitted to Surrey Midsummer Q.S. 1749 for the court to appoint one of them as constable for the parish in the room of Wi. Jennings decd. In the list a cross is marked against the name of Nicholls to indicate that he was appointed (S.R.O. Q.S. Bundle Midsummer 1749). See also no. 56.

² Th. Miller, clerk of the peace for the County of Surrey, 1742-51.

³ From the original minute (S.R.O. P5/3/11).

⁴ From the original minute.

⁵ 'Bramble' in the original minute.

Dan. Watney churchwarden's casual poor's bill approved amounting to £4 11s. 3d.

Sam. English was paid down to this day for Bingham's girl, which was 10 week's pay at 2s., in all 20s.

Lanchester's girl with Wid. Dowdeswell allowed 2 shifts. [6]

58 [p. 60] 30 Oct. 1749. A warrant of distrainment to be taken out against Ri. Palmer for non-payment of the poor's tax for 1748.

Wi. Lanchester allowed a coat and waistcoat, 1 pr of breeches, 1 pr of shoes, 1 pr of stockings and 2 shirts. Wid. Bowen's boy allowed 1 shirt.

Ch. Pigott's bill of clothing allowed amounting to £1 15s. 11¼d.

Sam. Minton allowed relief at the discretion of the officers *during his sickness*.¹

Jo. Wilson headborough's bill has been approved for taking into custody Wa. Fuller and having him to the house of correction on a violent suspicion of stealing bells from the gates of the gentlemen in the neighbourhood, amounting to 15s. 3d. [9]

59 [p. 61] 26 Nov. 1749. Dan. Watney's casual poor's bill allowed amounting to £2 7s. 2d.

Mr Constable blacksmith at Wandsworth allowed £4 with Sam. Stevens which is to be bound apprentice to him to-morrow at the bench of justices at the 'White Lyon Inn', Putney, for the West Half Hundred of Brixton.

Lanchester's girl allowed a gown, and the old gown she has is to be made into a coat, and to be allowed further necessities at the discretion of the officers. Eager's girl with Larance Fenton allowed necessities at the discretion of the officers. [8]

60 [p. 62] 26 Dec. 1749. The following put in nomination to be presented to the bench of justices for them to make choice of 3 of them to serve surveyors: Biss Richards Esq., Zachary Chambers Esq., Ja. Brown, Wi. Harrise, Jos. Townsend.

Whereas the surveyors' accounts are in arrear for several years past by Ja. Spyer's neglect [by] not paying statute work for 1746, the present surveyors are to apply to the next bench of justices for a warrant of distress and to get that and subsequent accounts passed.

The accounts of Wi. Jackson and Ri. Carter overseers for 1748 have been approved and there remains due to the accountants £6 9s. ½d. The accounts of Ch. Piggott and Dan. Watney churchwardens for 1748 have been approved and there remains due to the parish £1 2s. 1¾d., which has been paid to Dan Watney succeeding churchwarden in the presence of this vestry.

The poor's rate for the second half-year from Mich. 1749 and ending at L.D. 1750 to be at 8d. in the pound. The church rate for the year from L.D.² 1749 and ending at L.D.² 1750 to be at 2d. in the pound.

[*Clothing and money allowed.*] Wid. Slade a shift and 1 pr of shoes and stockings. Wid. Goose yarn to knit 1 pr of stockings, and 1 pr of shoes. Wid. Bowen's girl Elizabeth 2 shifts, a petticoat, a piece of stuff to mend the gown, and 1 pr of shoes and stockings, and the boy 1 pr of leather breeches. [p. 63] Ann Brown 2s. 6d. for curing Jo. Boulter with the itch; and her daughter Martha 2 shifts, a new gown, the old gown to make a coat, 1 pr of shoes and yarn to knit 2 pr of stockings.

¹ From the original minute (S.R.O. P5/3/12).

² 'Easter' in the original minute (S.R.O. P5/3/13).

Whereas Ri. Palmer refuses to pay the poor's rate for 1748 [and he works] for Wi. Terry who has so much of his money in hand, the parish promises Terry free from all damages that shall happen by stopping Palmer's money to pay the rate, and to render him the overplus.

Jo. Skinner allowed 1 shirt and 1 pr of shoes.

Dan. Watney churchwarden's casual poor's bill allowed amounting to £1 7s. [12]

The men that had the coats for this year the gift of He. Smyth, viz. Jos. Acres, Ar. Berry, Saunders Taylor, Ri. Stevens.

61 [p. 64] 14 Jan. 1749[/50]. Whereas a rate was granted at the last vestry at 8d. in the pound but a rate was erroneously made at 9d., agreed that there be a rate granted and a new one made at 8d. as ordered.

Whereas an order was sent from the bench of justices for the officers to pay Larance Jennings 2s. p.w. for relief, agreed he be paid to Saturday last and no longer until applying as the law directs. [9]

62 [p. 65] 18 Feb. 1749[/50]. A letter to be sent to the officers of Monks Kirby, Warwickshire, to inform them of the necessity of relief Eliz. Blake is in, she making complaint she is in want of subsistence.

Ch. Pigott's bill for necessities for the poor allowed, amounting to 9s. 5½d., and paid. Dan. Watney churchwarden's casual poor's bill amounting to £1 ordered to be paid.

The underwritten to be put in force to be removed to their respective parishes or to bring certificates : Pe. Pace, Ja. Cox, [blank] Broughton, Jacob Woodgar, Ro. Chick, Wi. Pacey¹ gardener, Mi. Vickers, Jo. Jones, Eliz. Todd.² [6]

63 [p. 66] 17 Apr. 1750. The underwritten persons put in nomination to serve churchwardens and overseers : Wi. Boddicott, Jo. Murfett churchwardens. Jo. Paterson, Wi. Humphreys, Fra. Trevour, Ja. Brown overseers.

Mr Pigott's clothing bill allowed, amounting to 12s. 9d., and paid. Mr Kirby constable's bill allowed—for attending the special sessions for 5 quarters 5s., for taking Ja. Handersyde into custody 1s., for curing Bowen's family of the itch 5s. [Total] 11s.

The bill for expenses in maintaining Wi. Holmns with smallpox, and his burial, which Mitcham officers promised to pay but now refuse, is to be paid by our parish, amounting to £2 6s. 6d., by reason we will not enter into a suit of law.

Sam. English was paid £3 2s. for³ 31 weeks' pay for keeping Wi. Bingham sen.'s girl. By his consent was paid to Swift Kirby £2 15s. in part of £4 3s. 9d., and to Wi. Terry 7s. in full of his bill, and [thus he was] paid in full 2 weeks forward from this date.

[p. 67] Sam. Taylor allowed 3s. p.w. pension for the future or till the officers think fit at his behaviour. He has been allowed 2s. pension and 1s. in meat but has made complaint that being weak he cannot eat the meat.

A new pair of stocks to be erected in the place where the old ones stood.⁴

¹ 'Pace' in the original minute (S.R.O. P5/3/9).

² Instead of this last name the original minute reads 'Townsend's Nurse'.

³ From the original minute (S.R.O. P5/3/16).

⁴ It was debated whether the stocks should not be sited 'against the Shop which is in Occupation of James Inward, a place fitter for the purpose'. These words, heavily inked-out, follow this entry in the original minute.

Mr Haydon overseer to buy Pe. Pennard jun. a suit of clothes, viz. a coat, waistcoat and a pr of breeches, he being an object of charity being blind. Jos. Turner allowed 5s. p.w. pension, being bedridden, and 2 yd of flannel. The girl with Sam. English allowed 2 shifts, 2 aprons, 2 handkerchiefs, 2 caps, 1 pr of shoes to be mended, and [a] new pr of stockings. [8]

64 [p. 68] 14 May 1750. The pension settled for the summer half-year. Wid. Goldsmith 1s. p.w., Wid. Bowen 3s., Eager's girl at Fenton's 2s., Wid. Slade 2s., Sam. Taylor 3s., Wid. Goose 2s., Lanchester's girl at Dowdeswell 1s., Lanchester's boy at Stevens 2s., Wid. Brown 2s., Wid. Wilder 3s., Wid. Green-tree 2s., Jo. Skinner 1s., Wid. Pace 2s., Jo. Lucas 1s., Ri. English and wife 3s., Bingham girl at English 2s. [Total] £1 12s.

Bowen's boy to be put to service to a place appointed for him by Mr Kirby and to be clothed out at the discretion of the officers fit for service.

Mary Greenfeild allowed no pension until she comes to this place. [9]

65 [p. 69] 10 June 1750. Jo. Maybank and Ann his wife allowed the room that was late Stevens's or any one else the officers shall think fit, and unless they are contented with the gate it shall be taken away from them, and they are allowed a pension according to discretion and the officers are to endeavour to get the said Jo. Maybank into Guy's Hospital for the cure of the foul disease.

10s. to be paid to Th. Nickols and Edw. Winchester for apprehending and having to the house of correction the bodies of Th. Jones and Wi. Floyd as loose and disorderly persons taken up in our parish by order of the J.P.s. Th. Nichols constable allowed his bill of 19s. for [the same]. [9]

66 [p. 70] 19 Aug. 1750. Jos. Pirkins allowed relief at the discretion of the officers and consent of this vestry.

The officers to take out a warrant to examine Martha Highiam on account of bastardy.

Mary Greenfeild to be put in the room in the almshouse which Ann Maybank now lives in, and it is the opinion of this vestry that there is room sufficient for them both, and [she is] allowed 2s. p.w. pension, a bed, bedstead and proper covering for ditto as usual.

Adjourned to Tuesday in the afternoon at 4 o'clock at Edw. Winchester's.

If Mary Greenfeild quits this place she is to be allowed but 1s. p.w., but if she continues here she is to be allowed 2s. and proper necessities as above.

Ann Brown and Phillis Bowen to be put in one room together to make room for other poor persons now in want of room.

Sarah Jups allowed 2s. p.w. pension until further orders. Wi. Lanchester allowed 1 pr of breeches, 1 pr of shoes and stockings, and Eliz. Bowen 1 pr of shoes and stockings. [12]

67 [p. 71] 9 Sept. 1750. A proposal being laid before the vestry for erecting a workhouse within this parish a committee is appointed, to consist of the minister, churchwardens and overseers, Ben. Hays, Wi. Jackson, Th. Lewise, Zachary Chambers and Ch. Screase Esqs., Th. Sawkins, Geo. Haydon, Swift Kirby, Dan. Watney, Jo. Paterson, or any 5 [of them], to consider the present state of the poor, the charge of the 'purposed' workhouse and of maintaining the same. The committee are also to inform themselves [of] the state and account of work-houses in other parishes and their method of employment of the poor, and to

give their opinion what advantage will accrue to the parish in case this proposal is carried into execution.

The churchwardens and overseers are to go and see the goods of Th. Campin now distrained by Jo. Bryand and if they can purchase them worth their money they have consent to purchase the same for the use of the parish. Young Th. Campin to be put out apprentice on the recommendation of Swift Kirby to Mr Bignall at Brown's Coffee House, 'Miter Court', London. [16]

68 [p. 72] 4 Nov. 1750. Th. Nichols allowed 4s. for attending the 4 quarterly sessions as customary in this parish to the constables.

Jo. Skinner allowed 1 foulweather coat, 2 shirts, 1 pr of shoes and stockings, and 2d. a week to be stopped out of his pension by the overseers for washing his linen to keep him clean.

A rate granted for the first half-year at 1s. in the pound for the use of the poor, commencing from L.D. and ending at Mich. 1750.

[Bills allowed.] Wi. Boddicott churchwarden's casual poor's bill, £3 10s. 1d. He. Cooke for shoes, £1 14s. 6d. £3 3s. to Swift Kirby for binding and clothing [apprentices] and expenses in binding, the indentures being produced. Wi. Jennings £1 15s. for a bed, bedstead, coverlet and 2 blankets for Mary Greenfeild. [8]

69 [p. 73] 25 Nov. 1750. Wi. Boddicott's casual poor's bill amounting to £2 12s. 5d. to be paid. Paid Wi. Boddicott churchwarden by the overseers 16s. 1d. by order of vestry several times meeting about erecting a workhouse.

Eager's girl with Larance Fenton allowed 2 shifts, 2 caps, 2 handkerchiefs and an upper petticoat.

Ri. Carter's bill for carpenter's work amounting to £7 19s. 5d. for several repairs at the parish houses to be paid.

Wi. Pace gardener, Jā. East gardener, Jo. East labourer [and blank] Frampton labourer are to be summoned before the next bench of justices touching their last legal settlements, and forthwith to bring certificates after their examinations or orders of removal issued out as the law directs.

Jo. Lucas has made complaint at this vestry for a further pension, he having 1s. p.w. now. Unless he forces his daughter out to service his pension shall not be raised, but if she is gone to service before the next vestry he is to be allowed a sufficient pension until then and then [it is] to be settled by order of vestry.

Dan. Watney and Wi. Boddicott late churchwardens' accounts allowed and £2 10s. 8d. due to the parish paid to the succeeding officers in the presence of this vestry. Geo. Haydon [and] Wi. Terry late overseers' accounts allowed, and on balance there remains due to the accountants £19 2s. 10¼d. and the succeeding overseers are ordered to pay the same after the accounts have been examined at the bench of justices.

[p. 74] Wi. Jennings's bill of bricklayers' work has been examined amounting to £8 3s. 2d. for repairs done at the parish houses, [of] which part has been paid by Geo. Haydon and Wi. Terry amounting to £4 5s., and there remains due £3 18s. 2d. which the succeeding overseers are to pay.

Ri. Lowick beadle allowed clothes thus—1 greatcoat or 'settute'¹ coat, blue turned up with red and the cape and sleeves trimmed round with silver lace,

¹ i.e. 'surtout'.

a silver-laced hat, and a pr of buckskin breeches, which is to be bought off Mr Watney to cost 10s. 6d., and to have worsted to knit 1 pr of stockings, and 1 new pr of shoes. [11]

[p. 75] 'The Constables [and] Headboroughs are the proper persons in times when Harms are threatned to the parishioners to Secure the peace, And I Can See no Likelier method to preserve the peace & Saftey of our Little Community than to put the Laws in Execution against all Idle persons who, Having nothing to maintain themselves, Live Idly & Extravagantly without Labour or Employment and all persons begging from door to door Within their own parish. These may be taking up by the Constable & other officers or by any other person who are to be paid 5s. by the Overseer of the poor for Every person they take up, and the Offender is Called by the Law and Idle and Disorderly person and to be sent to the House of Correction for a Month to Hard Labour.' ¹

'All persons collecting Alms on pretences of Loss by fire or othe[r] Casualty, all Strolling players and Jugglers and Gypsyes, all persons playing [or] abetting all unlawfull games, and persons Wandering abroad and Lodging in Alehouses, Barns, Outhouses or in the open Air not giving a good Account of themselves, pretending to be Soldiers, Marriners, Seafaring men, and all other persons Wandering abroad and Begging are Deemed Rogues and Vagabonds, who may be taking up by any person who are to have 10s. for each person, paid by the High Constable, and the Offender to be publickly Whipped or sent to the House of Correction till the next generall Sessions.' ¹

70 [p. 76] 26 Dec. 1750. The following put in nomination to be presented to the bench of justices for them to make choice of 2 of them to serve surveyors : Ja. Brown, Wi. Harrise, Edw. Winchester, Jo. Wilson.

Wi. Boddicott's casual poor's bill amounting to £6 15s. to be paid.

[Clothing and money allowed.] Wid. Slade 1 shift and 1 pr of shoes. Margett Stone 2s. p.w. pension for the winter half-year. Lanchester's boy a coat, waistcoat, breeches, 2 shirts, a hat and 1 pr of stockings. Bowen's girl 1 gown and petticoat, 2 shifts, 1 pr of shoes and stockings. Brown's boy a coat, 1 shirt, 1 pr shoes, and the girl a gown, 2 shifts, a petticoat, 1 pr of shoes and yarn to stock ² 2 pr of stockings. Wid. Goose a gown, 2 shifts, 1 pr of shoes and stockings.

The poor's rate for the last half-year from Mich. 1750 and ending at L.D. 1751 to be at 8d. in the pound. The church rate for the year 1750 to be at 2d. in the pound.

Geo. Higham and his wife to be removed to a room in the parish house with Sam. Taylor and his wife, and Jane Comblin ³ to the room which Jo. Maybank and his wife died out of, and Wid. Greenfeild to go with her. Wid. Beakes to go to Wid. Greentree's. [6]

71 [p. 77] 31 Dec. 1750. 'Whereas a Letter was Sent the 18th Instant directed to the minister of this parish threatning to Burn the Houses, Barns, Rickes of Corn and Hay and to poison the water, grass or Cattle within the said parish if

¹ Based on part of the Statute 17 Geo. II c. 5.

² 'Stock' may be an error for 'knit', or a usage of the word analogous to O.E.D., 'Stock', v.¹ I. 3b, 'to cover (hose) with some stronger material; to strengthen (stockings) with pieces of cloth sewn on'. The latest quotation given for this obsolete meaning of the word is, however, from 1691.

³ 'Comely' in the original minute (S.R.O. P5/3/17).

he the said Minister did nott Collect from the parishioners the Sum of Three pounds and Leave it in a Certaine place therein Mentioned, Wee the Inhabitants of the Said Parish do Hereby Unanimously promise a Reward of Twenty pounds to any person or persons who Shall Discover and Apprehend the Author or Writer of the said Letter, to be paid immediatley after the Conviction of Such Offender by the Church Wardens of the said parish.'

Ann Lewer allowed 10s. 6d. for clothing her younger child.

No churchwarden to pay any bills to any doctor, apothecary or surgeon [for any attendance on the sick] unless the same was done by order and directed by such churchwarden. [18]

Greatcoats: Sam. Minton, Wi. Hall.

72 [p. 78] 27 Jan. 1750[/1]. Geo. Ranger allowed a certificate for him and his wife Martha from this parish to 'Chalfront St Peters',¹ Bucks.

As Ann Brown and family are now all down and very ill with a fever they are to be allowed assistance at the discretion of the officers.

The return made on the nomination at a vestry on 26 Dec. 1750 for surveyors is to stand. The rate granted on 26 Dec. at 8d. in the pound is to be made on 30 Jan.

Sam. Taylor allowed 1 shirt.

[12]²

73 [p. 79] 3 Feb. 1750[/1]. A list of a competent number of the most substantial inhabitants is to be transmitted to the justices at their sessions for them to appoint 2 or more surveyors for 1751, viz. Ja. Brown, and Biss Richards, Wi. Jackson, Ch. Screase and Wi. Southouse Esqs., Wi. Humphreys, Jo. Paterson, Jo. Wilson, Swift Kirby, Dan. Watney. Memorandum. Messrs Haydon, Kirby and Watney agree if Watney be appointed surveyor with any 2 of the 4 nominated on 26 Dec. 1750, then the appointment by the justices is to stand.

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74 [p. 80] 10 March 1750[/1]. The accounts of Zachary Chambers, Geo. Haydon and Ri. Till surveyors for 1748 [allowed] and there remains due to the parish £7 1s. 2½d.

He. Cooke's bill for shoes for the poor people allowed amounting to £2 os. 4d. Eliz. Rance allowed 12s. 6d. for nursing Brown's and Bowen's families in sickness. Wi. Boddicott churchwarden's casual poor's bill amounting to £5 15s. 7½d. to be paid.

Wi. Westbrook allowed 1 shirt [and] Wid. Slade 1 shift and a housewife's apron. [8]

75 [p. 81] 9 Apr. 1751. The underwritten persons put in nomination to serve churchwardens and overseers: Jo. Murfett, Wi. Terry churchwardens. Ch. Screase Esq., Jo. Paterson, Th. Lewise Esq., Th. Cogger overseers.

Mary Taylow³ wid. allowed 1 shift, 1 apron and 1 pr of shoes.

He. Cooke's bill for shoes amounting to 3s. 9d. to be paid. Wi. Boddicott churchwarden's casual poor's bill amounting to £2 16s. 6d. to be paid.

Phillis Bowen allowed 5s. for nursing and laying out Jo. Skinner.

[10]

¹ 'Peters Chaffen' in the original minute (S.R.O. P5/3/14).

² There are 13 attenders listed in the original minute.

³ An error for 'Taylor'.

76 [p. 82] 5 May 1751. Pensions settled for the summer half-year. Wid. Goldsmith 1s., Wid. Bowen 3s., Wid. Slade 2s., Wid. Taylor 2s., Wid. Goose 2s., Wid. Brown 2s., Wid. Wilder 3s., Wid. Greentree the elder 2s., Wid. Pace 2s., Wid. English 2s., Mary Greenfeild 2s., Margett Stone 2s., Jo. Lucas 2s., Eager's girl at Larance Fenton's 2s., Lanchester's girl at Dowdeswell's 1s., Lanchester's boy at Bowen's 2s., Bingham's girl at Sam. English 2s., Row's children, 2 boys and 2 girls, at Lucas's 8s. [Total] £2 2s.

Wid. Dickinson allowed 20s. p.a. towards her rent.

He. Cooke's bill for shoes amounting to £1 1s. 1d. to be paid.

Ro. Colyer may have Jo. Skinner's foulweather coat and shoes and Wi. Westbrook his 2 old shirts and breeches. Ann Brown's girl Martha allowed 2 caps, 2 handkerchiefs and 2 aprons.

Row's children to be removed to Jo. Lucas's and to have the pension as settled above.

The churchwardens are to buy all the clothes for the poor for such necessities as shall be ordered by vestry, and the clothes are to be disbursed as ordered.

A [poor's] rate granted at 1s. in the pound for the first half-year from L.D. and ending at Mich. 1751.

For the future the churchwardens are to bring in their casual poor's bills every vestry. [10]

77¹ 12 May 1751. *There having been an omission in not making a list of persons qualified to serve the office of surveyors for 1751 whereby (as appears by counsel's opinion) no new surveyors can now be appointed without application to the Court of King's Bench, therefore, to save the parish the expense of such application, resolved nem. con. that the surveyors for 1750 (who are not yet discharged from their office) be desired to serve again this year, and in case any disputes happen they shall be defended at the charge of the parish.*

78 [p. 83] 26 May 1751. Biss Richards and Zachary Chambers Esqs. to be desired to serve surveyors for 1751, and in case any persons neglect their statute or refuse to pay for their duty when demanded they shall be defended in their said office at the charge of the parish.

Wi. Boddicott late churchwarden's casual poor's bill amounting to £8 19s. 5d. to be paid. Wi. Hitchen's bill for clothing Jo. Boulter to be paid amounting to £1 4s. 6d.

Wid. Dickinson allowed 1s. p.w. pension. Jo. Boulter allowed 2s. 6d. p.w. pension until a master can be got for him.

Jo. Rose surgeon's bill for medicines amounting to £8 5s. 5d. to be paid. [20]

79 [p. 84] 16 June 1751. Jo. Boulter to be bound apprentice to He. Parkhurst fisherman of Kingston, Parkhurst having agreed, in consideration of £6 paid to him, the Watermen's Company and the Corporation of Kingston, to find him in clothes during his apprenticeship and to give him a new suit at its expiration and to pay the charges of binding him in Company and Corporation. As the parish are to be at no other expense it is agreed to give £6 upon the above conditions, but this is to be no precedent.

Wi. Terry's casual poor's bill amounting to 4s. 6d. to be paid. [7]

¹ S.R.O. P5/3/19. An unsigned memorandum of a vestry meeting, endorsed with notes on statutes concerning the appointment of overseers and surveyors. It is not in the vestry clerk's hand.

80 [p. 85] 4 Aug. 1751. If any pension poor are hearty and able to nurse such as are sick and they refuse when ordered by the officers they shall have their pensions taken off.

Wid. Greenfeild allowed 1s. 6d. p.w. pension for one month on condition she can be serviceable to any of the poor when sick, and [if she] is attentive to the satisfaction of the officers she shall then be allowed 2s. p.w. pension during that time.

Mr Paterson overseer having been served with a summons from the sheriff of this county on some indictment against the parish, he is to be desired to take care to appear to such indictment to prevent further charge and inconvenience to the parish.

[*Clothing and money allowed.*] Wid. Slade 1 petticoat and a pr of sheets. Geo. Higham 1s. p.w. pension. Eager's girl at Fenton's a gown, petticoat, 2 shifts, a pr of shoes and 2 coarse aprons.

Mary Greenfeild ordered to attend Geo. Higham's wife during her sickness.

Wi. Terry churchwarden's casual poor's bill amounting to £1 10s. 10d. to be paid. Jo. Murfett's casual poor's bill for clothing amounting to £6 19s. 2d. to be paid.

The exorbitant price paid for parish coffins to be taken into consideration at next vestry. [6]

81 [p. 86] 15 Sept. 1751. 'Whereas an Order was Sent from the Bench of Justices for the Reducing of the Publick houses in this Parish upon the Complaint of Mr John¹ Griffeths by and Order to him Commanded that if any Publick houses was reduced in the Afforesaid parish that the house known by the red Lyon in the Afforesaid Parish and in the Occupation of James Eades Might be putt Down for Misdemeanours which was seen from Some Persons of Great Rank such as Suffering of playing of Cards and Dice in the afforesaid house on the Sabbath Day to the Encouragement of Vice, which by the Desire of Such Persons of Great Rank who Saw this unLawfull work Executed in the Afforsaid² House Might be Repersented to the Bench of Justices *att their Sessions appointed to be held on the 16 Day of September 1761*³ Desiring that the Said house might be Layed down.'

Jo. Row's 2 boys allowed a frock each and a pr of leather bodice for the girl.

Wi. Terry churchwarden's casual poor's bill to be paid amounting to £2 5s. 10d. [7]

82 [p. 87]⁴ 13 Oct. 1751. The vestry being informed that in case of a wet winter the parish may be in danger of being indicted for bad places that may accidentally happen upon the roads are of opinion that some persons be appointed to assist Mr Richards and Mr Chambers who likely will be absent when most wanted on these occasions. Accordingly Geo. Haydon and Th. Sawkins have power to set teams and labourers to work between this and 14 Jan. next to mend any places that may require to be repaired from the white post at 'Martin' to the gate at 'Towns end', and Th. Rowsell and Ja. Jennings are to take care in like manner of all the rest of the roads in the parish, and what expense they are at in setting people to work they are to be reimbursed by the acting gentlemen surveyors.

¹ Followed by 'Mr' struck through.

² Followed by 'Parish' struck through.

³ From the original minute (S.R.O. P5/3/21).

⁴ See Plate 1.

Security to be taken on account of Ann Brown being big with child.

In relation to the woman at 'Martin' this parish has nothing to do with that affair.

[*Clothing and money allowed.*] Mary Greenfeild 1 shift and an apron. Row's girl with Ja. Jennings 2 aprons and a pr of pattens. The girl of Lanchester's with Wid. Dowdeswell 2s. p.w. pension. [10]

83 [p. 88] 24 Nov. 1751. [*Clothing and money allowed.*] Geo. Higham 2s. p.w. pension. Wid. English 2 shifts and cloth to make her sheets and 2 caps for Bingham's girl. 2s. to Ja. Clark to fetch his shirt out of pawn which he says he pawned for 18d., and 2s. p.w. pension until further notice.

Wi. Terry churchwarden's casual poor's bill amounting to £1 1s. 1½d. to be paid.

[*Further clothing and money allowed.*] Pe. Pennard's blind boy Peter a coat, waistcoat, breeches, shoes and stockings. Ann Greentree a gown, petticoat, shift, check apron, housewife's apron, handkerchief and 1 pr of shoes and stockings. Wi. Lanchester 2 shirts, shoes and stockings, breeches and a coat. [5]

84 [p. 89] 8 Dec. 1751. [*Clothing and money allowed.*] Wid. Taylor a shift, handkerchief and apron and 1 pr of shoes. Row's 2 boys with Jo. Lucas 2 shirts, 1 pr of breeches and 1 pr of shoes and stockings each, [and] the girl a housewife's apron and 1 pr of shoes and stockings. Lanchester's girl with Wid. Dowdeswell a gown, petticoat, 2 shifts, 2 caps, 2 aprons, 2 handkerchiefs, 1 pr of stockings.

A rate granted for the poor for the second half-year at 9d. in the pound.

Wi. Boddicott late churchwarden's accounts approved of, and upon balance there remains due to the accountant 10s. 4d. which the succeeding churchwardens are to pay. Fra. Trevour [and] Wi. Humphreys late overseers' accounts approved, and upon balance there remains due to the accountants £25 3s. 6¾d. and the succeeding overseers are to pay the same when the accounts is approved of before the bench of justices.¹ Wi. Terry churchwarden's casual poor's bill amounting to £2 16s. 11d. to be paid.

A rate granted for the church for the whole year from L.D. 1751 to L.D. 1752 at 2d. in the pound.

Whereas Sam. English has contracted debts with Jo. Paterson, Swift Kirby, Jo. Wilson [and] Ch. Pigott and he agrees that the pension he receives for Bingham's girl shall be stopped for the payment of the above persons until they are paid, [it is ordered that this shall be done] which he in person agrees to. [12]

85 [p. 90] 26 Dec. 1751. The following put in nomination to be presented to the bench of justices for them to choose 2 or more of them to serve surveyors: Biss Richards, Fra. Jackson and Ch. Scrase Esqs., Th. Sawkins, Ja. Jennings, Geo. Hayden, Ch. Pigott, Ja. Brown, Wi. Humphreys.

[*Clothing and money allowed.*] Jo. Lucas² 2 shirts. Wid. Bowen's girl a gown, petticoat, 1 pr of shoes and stockings, 2 shifts. Wid. Bowen 3s. and Wid. Brown 1s. for setting up with Dame Higham. Wid. Goose 2 shifts, shoes and stockings. Wid. Slade 2 shifts, shoes and stockings.

Wi. Terry churchwarden's casual poor's bill amounting to £2 2s. 7d. to be paid.

¹ These accounts are printed in Appendix IIIb.

² He is 'old Lucas' in the original minute (S.R.O. P5/3/22).

Wid. Brown's son John's pension to be taken off on terms that he be clothed at the discretion of Wi. Terry and Jo. Paterson. [7]

Greatcoats : Ja. Adams, Jo. English, Jos. Pirkins, Wi. Wesbrooks.

86 [p. 91] 5 Jan. 1752. An appeal to be entered against the removal of Ann Holton from the parish of 'Martin'.¹ [4]

87 2 Feb. 1752. Adjourned until Tuesday night at Edw. Winchester's at 7 o'clock.

The churchwardens and overseers are indemnified from all expenses that shall happen in carrying on the suit against 'Martin' parish relating to the settlement of Ann Holton and child.

A bag to be made for the carrying of the books backwards and forward to church in attending vestries.

Wi. Terry churchwarden's casual poor's bill amounting to £8 11s. 4¼d. to be paid.

The girl with Ja. Jennings, Eliz. Row, allowed necessities for clothing according to the discretion of the officers. [5]

88 [p. 92] 1 March 1752. Wi. Terry churchwarden's casual poor's bill amounting to 16s. to be paid. Jos. Freeman late headborough's bill to be paid amounting to 8s., for taking into custody Roberton Wharton, a deserter, and having him to the county gaol.

Whereas Wid. Beeakes has been in person and made complaint for relief and desired a pension, which was granted and a room allowed her in the parish houses and by the desire of the parishioners the officers have this day taken an inventory of her goods, but she says she will sooner go a-begging about the country than live in the parish house, it is agreed that she shall not have any relief until she condescends to the order of vestry.

The Inventory of Goods.

One chest of drawers ; a bed and bedstead ; 5 chairs, 2 joint stools ; 3 pewter dishes and 3 plates ; 1 Delf dish, 5 earthen plates ; 1 trunk, 1 table, 1 pr of bellows ; 1 warming pan, 2 porridge pots ; 2 pictures, 16 cups and saucers, 3 tea-pots.

One of the 2 sheets with Sam. English to be given to Wid. Taylor, and the said Sam. English to have all the rest of the things that was his mother's for his trouble in taking care of her in her illness.

Wid. Goose to be allowed necessary relief at the discretion of the officers. [5]

89 [p. 93] 31 March 1752. The underwritten persons put in nomination to serve churchwardens and overseers : Wi. Terry, Swift Kirby churchwardens. Jo. Wilson, Wi. Jennings, Edw. Winchester, Th. Rowsell overseers. [9]

90 [p. 94] 19 Apr. 1752. The pension list settled for the summer half-year. Wid. Goldsmith 1s. p.w., Wid. Bowen 2s., Wid. Slade 2s., Wid. Goose 2s., Wid. Wilder 3s., Wid. Greentree 2s., Wid. Pace 2s., Wid. Dickinson 1s., Mary Greenfeild 2s., Margett Stone 2s., Jo. Lucas 2s., Eager's girl at Fenton's 2s., Lanchester's girl at Dowdeswell's 2s., Lanchester's boy at Bowen's 2s., Bingham's

¹ No trace of this appeal is to be found in the Surrey Q.S. order book of this date.

girl at English 2s., Row's children at Lucas's 6s., Geo. Higham 2s. [Total] £1 17s.

A rate granted for the use of the poor at 1s. in the pound for the first half-year from L.D. to Mich. next.

As an agreement was represented to Zachary Chambers of erecting a workhouse which he agreed to put into execution forthwith, ordered that the officers put the same into execution forthwith.

Wi. Terry churchwarden's casual poor's bill allowed amounting to 1s. 11d. [9]

91 [p. 95] 31 May 1752. Adjourned to Edw. Winchester's.

Th. Rowsell late headborough's bill allowed amounting to 10s. 6d. Wi. Terry churchwarden's casual poor's bill amounting to £3 13s. 8¼d. to be paid.

Row's girl at Lucas's allowed a shift, [and] Bingham's girl with Sam. English a gown and a shift. [6]

92 [p. 96] 12 July 1752. The accounts of Jo. Murfett and Wi. Terry late churchwardens allowed and upon balance there remains due to the accountants £2 7s. 10½d., and the succeeding officers are to pay the same. The accounts of Th. Lewise and Jo. Paterson late overseers allowed and upon balance there remains due to the accountants £16 6s. 11¾d. which is to be paid when confirmed by the J.P.s.

Jo. Wilson's casual poor's bill for necessities for Jo. Scoggin and family while ill with the smallpox amounting to £3 4s. 8¼d., [and his] bill for necessities for the chimney sweeper, and Sam. English and Jane Bingham while ill with the smallpox amounting to £1 17s. 6¼d., to be paid.

The pulpit pew and the pew behind are to be locked up and kept for the use of the farmers' and tradesmen's wives and the churchwarden has power to hinder anybody from sitting in the pews but those who have the keys delivered to them. [8]

93 [p. 97] 9 Aug. 1752. Weights and scales to be provided forthwith and remain in the workhouse for the use of the parish.

The workhouse to be served with butcher's meat at 18d. per stone, the same price that is paid at Wandsworth, for 1 year, to be served jointly between Mr Rowsell and Mr Boddicott.

Wid. Wilder, a poor blind woman between 70 and 80 years of age, to be allowed only 2s. 6d. or to come into the workhouse. [13]

94 [p. 98] 23 Aug. 1752. Mr Rowsell and Wi. Boddicott shall serve the workhouse with meat if they will serve it on the same price as Mr Bassett of Putney has offered to serve it for 16d. per stone. Otherwise Mr Bassett is to serve it, or whoever offers in the cheapest manner.

Rev. Jo. Cookesey, Th. Lewise Esq., Wi. Southouse Esq., and the churchwardens and overseers are appointed a committee to revise and settle the rules of the workhouse for the approbation of the vestry.

A vestry is to be called on Sunday next for the Sunday following to examine the bills relating to the expenses in erecting the workhouse, and the parish officers are desired to give the tradesmen notice to bring their bills in. [8]

95 [p. 99] 17 Sept. 1752. Mr Sawkins added to the committee to inspect the orders of the house. Adjourned till 6 o'clock on Friday night at Mr Carter's.

96 22 Oct. 1752. A rate granted for the use of the poor for the last half-year from Mich. last to L.D. next at 1s. 6d. in the pound. A rate granted for the church for the year ending at L.D. 1753 at 2d. in the pound.

Wi. Terry's casual poor's bill amounting to £3 5s. 2d. to be paid.

Certificates to be granted for Wi. Daniel and Sarah his wife to the parish of 'Thams Dittion', and for Ben. Franklyn, Ann his wife and Sarah his daughter, aged about 3 weeks, to the parish of Hampton, Middlesex. [7]

97 [p. 100] 12 Nov. 1752. Jo. Wilson's casual poor's bill for Wid. Gale amounting to 16s. 8 $\frac{3}{4}$ d. to be paid.

3 pr of blankets, a spade, 1 bedstead, a warming pan, 1 pr of leather bodice, 4 small rubbers, 3 handkerchiefs, a shed to hold the coals, and a new hat [are to be provided] for Ridley's boy and his father's things made up for him for clothes. [5]

98 10 Dec. 1752. Adjourned to Jos. Freeman's until the evening, 5 o'clock.

Whereas an order of removal was granted under the hand and seal of Wi. Hammond Esq., J.P. for the County of Surrey, to the officers of Wimbledon to take and provide for Ann Lanchester, a vagrant, as the law provides, and as she did bring with her a female bastard child not mentioned in the order and is likely to become chargeable, the officers are to go to Zachary Chambers and Geo. Medcalf Esqs., J.P.s for the West Half Hundred of Brixton, and take their directions in this case.

The 4 greatcoats in the gift of He. Smith decd. are to be to Larancelett Fenton, Jo. Larkin, Sam. English [and] Pe. Pennard for 1752. [8]

99 [p. 101] 26 Dec. 1752. The following put in nomination to be presented to the bench of justices for them to choose 2 or more of them to serve surveyors: Edw. Winchester, Ja. Jennings, Jo. Paterson, Dan. Watney, Wi. Elmns, Wi. Boddicott. [4]

100 4 Feb. 1753. Ann Lanchester to be bound out apprentice to Wi. Draycutt, Old Street, St Luke's, London, victualler, *who keeps the sign of the Cart and Horses*.¹

Alice Berry allowed 5s. for nursing and laying out Wi. Bingham's daughter with the smallpox. Paid in the presence of the vestry.

Wi. Hillard to be removed out of Wimbledon to the parish of Lambeth by an order taken out on 15 Jan. 1753.² [6]

101 [p. 102] 11 March 1753. The officers are indemnified from all charges that shall happen by the examination³ now lodged and sworn to against Wi. Boddicott, Ch. Pigott and Jos. Freeman for 'assulting' *the officers*⁴ in the removal of Wi. Hillard to Lambeth by an order of removal under the hand and seal of Edw. Gibbon and Geo. Medcalf Esqs., J.P.s for the county. [7]

102 25 March 1753. Jo. Wilson's casual poor's bill for the relief of Geo. Pace when ill with the smallpox, amounting to 7s. 10 $\frac{1}{4}$ d., to be paid. Wi. Terry's casual poor's bill amounting to £1 9s. 2d. to be paid.

Lucy Eager allowed necessary clothes at the discretion of the officers. [4]

¹ From the original minute (S.R.O. P5/3/24).

² The order removing Hillard, or Hilliard, his wife and 2 children was confirmed at Surrey Easter General Q.S. 1753 on appeal by the officers of Lambeth (S.R.O. Q.S. 2/1/18, p. 380).

³ The original minute has 'indictment' (S.R.O. P5/3/25).

⁴ From the original minute.

103 [p. 103] 24 Apr. 1753. The following nominated for churchwardens : Swift Kirby, Geo. Haydon. The following nominated for overseers : Th. Sawkins, Dan. Watney, Geo. Haydon, Wi. Elmns.

Dan. Watney constable's bill to be paid amounting to 14s.

The overseers are to go to the attorney and bring the case with counsel's opinion of Wi. Hillard's removal to be laid before vestry on Sunday next if it can be got. [6]

104 [p. 104] 20 May 1753. A rate granted for the use of the poor at 9d. in the pound for the first half-year from L.D. to Mich. 1753.

The minister, churchwardens and Th. Lewise and Wi. Southouse Esqs., or any of the gentlemen, and Th. Sawkins, Dan. Watney and William and Ja. Jennings are appointed a committee to inspect the management of the workhouse.

Wid. Ridley allowed 30s. per quarter as mistress of the workhouse so long as she behaves well, or during the pleasure of the parish.

Jo. Wilson allowed 18d. per dozen for making up into mops all the yarn that is spun in the workhouse, for the use of the parish. [12]

105 [p. 105] 3 June 1753. Wi. Bassett to continue to serve the meat to the workhouse to 23 Aug. next on the terms agreed in Aug. last.

Wi. Terry late churchwarden's casual poor's bill to be paid amounting to 5s. 6d. [8]

106 [p. 106] 24 June 1753. Eliz. Boulter allowed 20s. towards buying her a gown, petticoat, 2 shifts and a pr of shoes. Mrs Winchester to purchase them for her.

Ri. Lowick allowed a suit of clothes, i.e. a coat, waistcoat, breeches, shoes and stockings and a hat, without any lace to the coat or hat, the same colour and trimming as before. [6]

107 [p. 107] 23 Sept. 1753. The common sewer at the bottom of the Common so far as the extent of the parish bounds, i.e. from 'Mill corner' to 'Beverly Lane end' next the Common, to be cleaned at the expense of the parish, and the surveyors are to put the same into execution forthwith. [10]

108 [p. 108] 9 Dec. 1753. Wid. Blake's rent to be paid up to Midsummer last, which is one year's rent amounting to 20s.

Swift Kirby churchwarden's casual poor's bill to be paid amounting to 13s. 1d. [9]

109 [p. 109] 26 Dec. 1753. The following put in nomination to be presented to the bench of justices for them to choose 2 or more of them to serve surveyors : Edw. Winchester, Ja. Jennings, Dan. Watney, Wi. Elmns, Jo. Paterson, Wi. HARRISE.

A rate granted for the poor for the last half-year from Mich. [1753] to L.D. 1754 exclusive at 1s. in the pound.

The surveyors' accounts have been allowed for 1748, 1749, 1750 and 1751. [10]

The persons who had the greatcoats this year : He. Acres sen., He. Acres jun., Wi. Parker, Wi. Mathews, Sanders Taylor, Wi. Hall.

110 3 Feb. 1754. Wi. Terry late churchwarden's accounts have been allowed and on balance there is due to the accountant £2 12s. 2½d., and the same is to be paid by the succeeding churchwarden, Swift Kirby. Jo. Wilson and Wi. Jennings late overseers' accounts have been allowed and no balance remains.

Wi. Terry's casual poor's bill has been allowed amounting to 4s. 10d. [5]

111 [p. 110] 31 March 1754. [In] the affair of Jo. Marrowback, as there is a bill of account of his labour and receivings for the work as appears by bill and balance made by the clerk of the gentlemen whom he worked for, it is the opinion of the vestry to empower the officers to recover the same as it appears a very just and fair debt to him, after taking the consent and approbation of some more inhabitants of the parish. [5]

112 16 Apr. 1754. The following appointed churchwardens : Geo. Haydon, Jo. Paterson. The following nominated to be presented to the bench of justices for them to choose 2 or more of them to serve overseers : Ben. Hays Esq., Th. Sawkins, Jos. Freeman, Wi. Elmns, Th. Hopkins, Th. Rowsell.

Swift Kirby's casual poor's bill to be paid amounting to £1 1s. 4d. Wi. Terry's bill of bricklayer's work to be paid amounting to 3s. 11½d. [7]

113 [p. 111] 9 June 1754. A rate granted for the first half-year from L.D. 1754 to Mich. next at 1s. in the pound for the necessary relief of the poor. [11]

114 9 Sept. 1754. Th. Sawkins overseer produced a bill of Th. Huntingford's amounting to £1 12s. 6d. and the gentlemen in vestry referred the consideration of it until next vestry.

40s. to be allowed towards clothing Wi. Lanchester when bound out apprentice.

Jo. Paterson churchwarden's casual poor's bill to be paid by the overseers amounting to £2 17s. 10½d. [8]

115 27 Oct. 1754. Mr Rose's bill has been examined and the gentlemen of the vestry have agreed to pay £17, and he is to give a discharge to the bill amounting to £21 17s. 11d.

The poor children in the workhouse are to be taught to read, and it is to be postponed until some person be appointed to teach them. [12]

116 [p. 112] 10 Nov. 1754. Th. Wray and Wi. Coatsworth late overseers have brought in their accounts with vouchers and have been allowed, and on balance there remains due to the parish £8 11s. 7d. and the balance, after the accounts have been confirmed by the bench of justices, is to be paid to the succeeding overseers.

Jo. Brown, Drewrey Ridley and Ann Row to be sent to Th. Huntingford to school. Mrs Ridley has taken upon her to teach her 2 young children so far as she is capable.

Th. Huntingford has presented a bill for teaching the children in the workhouse amounting to £1 19s. and the gentlemen of the vestry have allowed him £1 11s. 6d., and he is to give a receipt for all his demands upon the parish to the day and date above. [10]

117 [p. 113] 26 Dec. 1754. The following put in nomination to be presented to the bench of justices for them to choose 2 or more of them to serve surveyors : Th. Rowsell, Th. Hopkins, Jo. Wilson, Swift Kirby, Jos. Freeman, Wi. Boddicott.

Th. Sawkins [and] Geo. Hayden surveyors brought in their accounts for 1752 and on balance there remains due to the parish £2 11s. 1d.

A church rate granted at 1d. in the pound [for the year] ending at L.D. 1755. [10]

118 [p. 114] 2 Feb. 1755. A rate for the use of the poor [granted] for the last half-year from Mich. last and ending at L.D. next at 6d. in the pound. [4]

119 1 Apr. 1755. The following nominated churchwardens : Jo. Paterson, Dan. Watney. The following put in nomination to be presented to the bench of justices for them to choose 2 or more of them to serve overseers : Ch. Screase Esq., Edw. Winchester, Wi. Elmns, Wi. Ireland.

Geo. Hayden [and] Jo. Paterson churchwardens' casual poor's bill allowed amounting to £4 9s. 4d.

[Memorandum of] a counterpart of an indenture of Eliz. Lanchester, sister of Jo. Lanchester, of Soho, put apprentice to Dorothy Todd of St Martin's-in-the-Fields, mantua-maker, 16 March 1755, and a counterpart of an indenture of Ri. Row of Wimbledon bound apprentice to Jos. Bound of 'Kinsinton', Middlesex, victualler, 15 March 1755. Geo. Medcalf [and] Zachary Chambers Esqs., J.P.s. [6]

120 [p. 115] 4 May 1755. The accounts of Ben. Hays and Th. Sawkins late overseers allowed and on balance there remains due to the parish £16 16s. ½d. which, when attested to the justices, is to be paid to the succeeding overseers.

The gentlemen of the vestry have heard the complaint of Wid. Campin, and the parish may pay her rent which is 9d. p.w. and her children are to be clothed at the discretion of the officers.

It is reported by the officers that Jo. May has informed them that there is a woman living in 'Cleare market' that will take into service Eliz. English, a bastard child, provided the parish will allow her clothes in a decent Christian-like manner.

The officers are to put into execution the brewing and baking in the workhouse as all things is provided for that purpose, as soon as they conveniently can. [8]

121 [p. 116] 22 June 1755. Ja. Jennings appointed headborough of the parish of Wimbledon and to be returned to the next Q.S. to be authorised to act in the said office.

Ri. Lowick beadle allowed a coat, hat, stockings and shoes. [8]

122 13 July 1755. A rate granted for the use of the poor for the first half-year from L.D. last to Mich. next at 12d. in the pound. [5]

123 5 Oct. 1755. Jo. Brown to be bound out apprentice to Dan. Blanker in Cannon St, barber and peruke-maker, in the City of London. 40s. to be allowed for his clothing and the parish to be at no other expense.

To encourage some good schoolmaster to teach the children a subscription is to be set on foot to see what sum may be raised for the purpose. [7]

124 [p. 117] 26 Dec. 1755. The following put in nomination to be presented to the bench of justices for them to choose 2 or more of them to serve surveyors : Ch. Screase Esq., Ch. Newsham Pigott, Wi. Elmns, Jos. Freeman, Ri. Reeves, Wi. Boddicott.

Jo. Paterson churchwarden's casual poor's bill amounting to £9 7s. 4d. to be paid.

Edw. Winchester and Ja. Jennings surveyors for 1753 have brought in their accounts with vouchers and on balance there remains due £8 14s. 10½*d.* to the parish. They have also brought in their accounts with vouchers for 1754 and there remains due from them 10s. 9½*d.* [8]

125 25 Jan. 1756. Swift Kirby and Geo. Hayden late churchwardens have brought in their accounts and on balance there remains due to the accountants 11s. 4¼*d.*, and the succeeding churchwardens are to pay the same.

A church rate granted at 2*d.* in the pound from L.D. last to L.D. 1756. A rate granted for the use of the poor for the last half-year from Mich. last to L.D. next at 6*d.* in the pound. [9]

126 [p. 118] 15 Feb. 1756. Geo. Hayden and Jo. Paterson late churchwardens have brought in their accounts for 1754 and on balance there remains due to the accountants £3 11s. 5*d.*, and the succeeding churchwardens are to pay the same.

The officers at the next bench of justices are to take out an order and remove Th. Feild, his wife and family to St Peter's Cornhill¹ in the City of London.

For the future the charity of He. Smith is to be given account of and passed as regular as the churchwardens' accounts, and also the 10s. charity Ja. Brown's house pays for 4 poor distressed widows.² [10]

127 28 March 1756. No business done.

128 [p. 119] Tues. 20 Apr. 1756. The following appointed churchwardens : Dan. Watney, Th. Sawkins. The following put in nomination to be presented to the bench of justices for them to choose 2 or more of them to serve overseers : Wi. Walker, Jos. Freeman, Wi. Boddicott, Th. Hopkins.

Jo. Paterson churchwarden's casual poor's bill to be paid amounting to £9 3s. 8*d.* The officers are to have the watch-house made secure to keep a prisoner in so as he may be kept safe from making his escape.

Agreed with Th. Wray that he takes his maid's clothes and pays all expenses, only the parish agree to pay Mr Rose the apothecary's bill which is £1 9s. 9*d.*

Jo. Brown allowed 15s. to be bound apprentice to the freedom of the City of London when he attains the age of 14 years. [9]

129 [p. 120] 9 May 1756. The accounts of Edw. Winchester late overseer allowed and on balance there remains due to him 8s. The account of linen &c. left in the workhouse by the said overseer—36 ells of cloth of our own spinning, 11½ yd of linsey-woolsey, 7½ yd of ' Russa ',³ 12 yd of ' Hessin ',⁴ 2½ yd of check, 5 handkerchiefs, 1 woman's hat. [10]

130 20 June 1756. The headboroughs of the parish of Epsom having Jo. Sharpe in custody for a bastard child on Phillis Bowen of this parish and by neglect having let him escape from them, for such neglect this vestry is resolved to proceed against them as the law directs, and we indemnify the officers of this parish in the prosecution of such suit. [12]

131 [p. 121] 19 Sept. 1756. A rate granted for the necessary relief of the poor for the first half-year from L.D. last to Mich. at 9*d.* in the pound.

Jo. Paterson late churchwarden's casual poor's bill amounting to £5 os. 4½*d.*

¹ The original minute reads ' Leadin hall street in the parish of [blank] ' (S.R.O. P5/3/28).

² See Introduction, p. xvii.

³ i.e. russet.

⁴ i.e. Hessian.

to be paid. Ch. Newsham Pigott's bill for Wid. Campin's rent due 19 Sept. 1756 is paid up to the said date by Jos. Freeman overseer. Dan. Watney churchwarden's casual poor's bill amounting to £1 1s. to be paid. [10]

132 [p. 122] 17 Oct. 1756. If Jo. Sharpe bricklayer now in the house of correction in the Borough of Southwark for begetting on the body of Phillis Bowen a female bastard child agrees [he is to] enter into an agreement with this parish to work with Wi. Terry bricklayer for such wages as is customary in the parish and to leave in the hands of the said Wi. Terry for the use of the parish 5s. p.w. for the charge and expenses the parish has been at or shall be at in the maintenance of the said child for the term of 1½ [years], and for the strengthening of the agreement he is to give bond for £20 to be paid to the parish upon fulfilling the agreement.

[Copy letter.] To Mr Chambers. The parish is desirous of sending Phillis Bowen to the house of correction and doth desire that you will be so good as to commit her. [11]

133 [p. 123] 31 Oct. 1756. Jo. Paterson and Dan. Watney churchwardens for 1755 have brought in their accounts and they have been approved of, and on balance there remains due to the accountants £9 17s. 3d., and the succeeding churchwardens are to pay the same.

Dan. Watney churchwarden's casual poor's bill amounting to £4 12s. 8d. to be paid. [10]

134 28 Nov. 1756. Jo. Sharpe and Phillis Bowen to be let out of the house of correction upon his bond with sureties. Dan. Watney and Wi. Terry are to be his bondsmen and the parish promises not to sue them upon Jo. Sharpe's not fulfilling the bond.

Ri. Lowick allowed a coat, hat, and shoes and stockings as usual. [9]

135 [p. 124] 26 Dec. 1756. The following put in nomination to be presented to the bench of justices for them to make choice of 2 or more of them to serve surveyors: Wi. Terry, Wi. Boddicott, Th. Wray, Wi. Coatsworth, Jos. Goodenough, Th. Cogger. The following put in nomination to be presented to the next general Q.S. for them to make choice of one of them to serve constable of the parish: Wi. Marshall shopkeeper, Wi. Elmns farmer, Th. Rowsell farmer.¹

Th. Rowsell and Th. Hopkins late surveyors have brought in their accounts with vouchers and they are allowed, and on balance there remains due to the parish £1 8s. 2½d.

Dan. Watney's casual poor's bill amounting to £4 12s. to be paid. [8]

136 [p. 125] 9 Jan. 1757. Adjourned till 5 o'clock this evening at Jos. Freeman's at the Swan.

The forefront of the parish church to be new ripped and done in the best 'workmannerlike manner', it being thought the best manner of repairing it, it being so bad. [9]

137 23 Jan. 1757. The forefront of the parish church to be only mended and repaired in the 'most frugalest manner' it can be. [10]

¹ In the list submitted to Q.S. a tick is marked against the name of Rowsell to indicate that he was appointed, and it is noted that he was 'in the Stead of Richard Reeves removed out of the parish' (S.R.O. Q.S. Bundle Epiph. 1757).

138 [p. 126] 12 Feb. 1757. A rate granted and made upon the inhabitants of the parish for the necessary repairs of the church at 3*d.* in the pound commencing at L.D. 1756 and ending at L.D. 1757. A rate or assessment granted and made upon the inhabitants of the parish for necessary relief of the poor for the last half-year from Mich. and ending at L.D. next at 9*d.* in the pound.

The parish indemnifies the officers of all expenses and charges in the removal of Jo. Marrowback's wife to her parish where her husband was carried by the officers of Wandsworth parish. [7]

139 20 Feb. 1757. An order to be taken out for Th. Senders at the bench of justices to remove him directly to Windlesham. We indemnify the officers in the expenses of such removal or any trouble that shall happen by law. [8]

140 [p. 127] 12 Apr. 1757. The following appointed churchwardens: Th. Sawkins, Wi. Jennings. The following nominated to be presented to the bench of justices for them to choose 2 or more of them to serve overseers: Jo. Paterson, Wi. Ireland, Th. Hopkins, Wi. Marshall.

Dan. Watney churchwarden's casual poor's bill amounting to £3 17*s.* 6*d.* to be paid. [9]

141 [p. 128] 22 May 1757. A rate or assessment granted and made for the first half-year commencing at L.D. last and ending at Mich. for the necessary relief of the poor at 6*d.* in the pound.

Wi. Jennings churchwarden's casual poor's bill amounting to 9*s.* to be paid.

Mr Southouse being present and representing that the late Th. Walker Esq. had at his own expense fitted up a pew in the south-east corner of the church for the use of himself, and the house late belonging to the said Mr Walker being now let to Lyde Brown Esq. Mr Southouse on his behalf desired the vestry would grant the said pew to Mr Brown during his residence in this parish, which was resolved accordingly. [8]

142 12 June 1757. A committee appointed to prepare a proper plan and estimate for erecting and supporting a schoolhouse and to report to the vestry, to consist of Rev. Jo. Cookesey, Th. Sawkins [and] Wi. Jennings churchwardens, Jo. Paterson [and] Wi. Ireland overseers, the subscribers of the charity school, and Messrs Banks, Brown, and Nicholas and Ri. Ivatt.¹ [14]

143 [p. 129] 26 June 1757. Agreed to meet to fix upon a plan and charge for erecting a school at Ri. Carter's at the Rose and Crown at 7 o'clock on Saturday night.

Mr Rose's bill to be paid amounting to £6 9*s.* 7*d.* [6]

144 18 Sept. 1757. Dan. Watney [and] Th. Sawkins churchwardens for 1756 have brought in their accounts which have been approved, and on balance there remains due to the parish £1 10*s.* 4*d.*, and the said sum is to be paid to the succeeding churchwardens. Jos. Freeman and Wi. Walker overseers for 1756 have brought in their accounts which have been allowed, and on balance there remains due to the accountants £32 13*s.* 1¼*d.*, and the present overseers are to reimburse the late overseers.

The overseers' accounts is all agreed to except for Wi. Bassett butcher's bills and a committee is appointed to inspect the bills and lay them before the vestry

¹ See Introduction, p. xvii.

on Sunday next, and the committee is to meet on Thursday at 5 o'clock in the evening. It is to consist of Th. Sawkins [and] Wi. Jennings churchwardens, Jo. Paterson [and] Wi. Ireland overseers, and Messrs Watney, Terry and Winchester. [11]

145 [p. 130] 2 Oct. 1757. The accounts of Jos. Freeman and Wi. Walker late overseers are found just and true, and the balance due to the accountants is £32 13s. 1¼d.

Wi. Jennings's casual poor's bill amounting to £1 8s. 6d. to be paid. [8]

146 23 Oct. 1757. A rate granted for the necessary relief of the poor for one quarter of a year from Mich. last to Christmas Day at 1s. in the pound. [13]

147 [p. 131] 26 Dec. 1757. The following put in nomination to be presented to the bench of justices for them to make choice of 2 or more of them to serve surveyors: Wi. Marshall, Jos. Freeman, Th. Wray, Wi. Coatsworth, Jos. Goodenough, Jo. Carter.

Th. Sawkins's casual poor's bill to be paid amounting to £7 10s. 6d. [10]

148 8 Jan. 1758. Adjourned to Edw. Winchester's at the Dog and Fox at 6 o'clock in the evening.

Whereas some evil-disposed persons have lately broke and pulled down some of the park pales belonging to Hon. Jo. Spencer, we the churchwardens, overseers and other inhabitants unanimously agree to give a reward of 20s. to any person who shall discover the offender or offenders, to be paid by the churchwardens immediately on conviction. [8]

149 [p. 132] 12 Feb. 1758. The forefront of the church to be new ripped and done in the best manner it can forthwith.

Wi. Jennings churchwarden's casual poor's bill to be paid amounting to £2 2s. 3d.

A rate granted for the necessary relief of the poor for a quarter of a year from Christmas last to L.D. at 6d. in the pound. [8]

150 28 March 1758. The following appointed churchwardens: Wi. Jennings, Edw. Winchester. The following put in nomination to be presented to the bench of justices for them to choose 2 or more of them to serve overseers: Jo. Paterson, Wi. Ireland, Th. Rowsell, Th. Hopkins, Dan. Watney, Jo. Carter.

Th. Rowsell constable has brought in his bill of expenses for taking a list of the inhabitants to be presented for the militia, expenses in keeping 'impress' men, and several other expenses, amounting to £4 2s. 3d. and ordered to be paid.

Wi. Terry has presented a proposal of a bond to keep the south side of the church tiling in good and sufficient repair for 10 years at the yearly pay of 12s. and it is agreed to accept the bond.¹ [7]

151 [p. 133] 4 June 1758. A rate or assessment granted and made for the necessary relief of the poor for the first half-year from L.D. last to Mich. at 1s. in the pound exclusive.

Th. Sawkins late churchwarden's casual poor's bill to be paid amounting to £6 11s. 9d. Wi. Jennings churchwarden's casual poor's bill to be paid amounting to £3 2s. 6d.

¹ S.R.O. P5/2/90 is a memorandum of the agreement between Terry, bricklayer, and the churchwardens, 20 Apr. 1758.

The officers are indemnified from all charges as shall happen in the appeal lodged from the parish of Petersham on the removal of Geo. Mathews from Wimbledon,¹ and [in] the unjust removal of Eliz. Lanchester from Putney to Wimbledon [against] which the last said parish have lodged an appeal for trial which will be held at Guildford after Midsummer.² [8]

152 13 Aug. 1758. The accounts of Jo. Paterson and Wi. Ireland late overseers are found just and true, and the balance due to the accountants is £50 10s. 8d.

Wi. Jennings churchwarden's casual poor's bill amounting to £6 9s. 6d. to be paid.

Th. Sawkins and Wi. Jennings churchwardens' accounts to be entered into the book and brought to an account for 1757, and they are to be paid out of the rate to be granted for 1758.

Ri. Lowick beadle allowed a coat, breeches, a hat, stockings and shoes. [9]

153 [p. 134] 15 Oct. 1758. An appeal to be lodged against the parish of 'St Margetts' Westminster upon the unjust removal of Mary Winter to this parish, and the officers are to employ an attorney to lodge an appeal directly.³

The gate by Jo. Carter's is to be taken away and applied to the use of the parish in some convenient place.

A little house is to be erected at the gate as Jo. Larkin keeps, with a chimney and a room for a bed for him to lie in, at the expense of the parish. [8]

154 26 Dec. 1758. The following put in nomination to be presented to the bench of justices for them to choose 2 or more of them to serve surveyors: Th. Wray, Wi. Coatsworth, Jos. Goodenough, Jo. Carter, Swift Kirby, Th. Cogger.

A rate granted for the necessary repairs of the church at 4d. in the pound. A rate granted for the necessary relief of the poor for the last half-year from Mich. last to L.D. at 18d. in the pound exclusive.

The accounts of Ch. Screase and Ch. Newsham Pigott surveyors for 1756 have been allowed and on balance there remains due £6 1s. 6d. to the parish.

Wi. Jennings churchwarden's casual poor's bill amounting to £12 13s. 9d. to be paid. Wi. Terry constable's bill for carrying the militia to Croydon, officers and men, amounting to £1 15s. 7½d., to be paid. [9]

155 [p. 135] 18 March 1759. Whereas the officers have informed the parish that about a month ago they removed Edm. Bailey to Battersea and he returned without a certificate, and they afterwards took out a warrant to have him before the bench of justices to show cause why he [*did this*], and he then produced a lease he had taken of £17 p.a. so they thought him a parishioner with us, and Mr Medcalf ordered that we should call a vestry and take the approbation of the parish to prosecute Edm. Bailey to the rigour of the law for his ill-treatment to the officers when they removed him, we order the officers to prosecute him as far as the law directs. [7]

¹ The appeal against the order for the removal of Mathews and family was allowed at Surrey Midsummer General Q.S. 1758 (S.R.O. Q.S. 2/1/19, pp. 363-4, 395-6).

² The appeal against the order for the removal of this woman, by the name of Ann Lancaster widow, was respited at Surrey Easter Adjourned Sessions 1758 (S.R.O. Q.S. 2/1/19, p. 384). No further record of it can be traced.

³ At Middlesex December Sessions 1758 the appeal against the order for the removal of Mary Winter widow was upheld (Middlesex County R.O. S.B. 1146, 1147; S. Papers 1758).

156 17 Apr. 1759. The following appointed churchwardens : Edw. Winchester, Wi. Ireland. The following put in nomination to be presented to the bench of justices for them to choose 2 or more of them to serve overseers : Geo. Haydon, Dan. Watney, Jo. Carter, Th. Rowsell, Th. Hopkins, Ja. Jennings.

Wi. Jennings churchwarden's casual poor's bill to be paid amounting to £3 9s.

It is the opinion of this vestry that if a road were made from the corner of Mr Banks's wall across the Green to the road against the ' Crookett Billett ' it would be of great use to the Common and the inhabitants, but it is referred to the next vestry.

The churchwardens are to go and demand the 10s. from Ja. Brown for 4 poor aged women of this parish and, upon refusal, to seize upon the effects and make sale of them directly. [7]

157 [p. 136] 10 June 1759. A rate granted for the use of the poor for the first half-year from L.D. last to Mich. at 12d. in the pound.

The road is to be repaired from the corner of the wall of Mr Banks's across the Green to the ' Crooked Bilett ', the expense not to exceed £20.

Wi. Jennings's casual poor's bill to be paid amounting to £2 7s. 4d. [9]

158 7 Oct. 1759. The workmen are to consider in order to make several pews in the church for the reception of the inhabitants and make an estimate of the charge of such additional pews as can be made on the same plan, and it is to be laid before the next vestry for their approbation.

159 [p. 137] 14 Oct. 1759. The accounts of Jo. Paterson and Wi. Ireland late overseers allowed and on balance there remains due to the accountants £28 16s. 10 $\frac{3}{4}$ d.

Edw. Winchester's casual poor's bill to be paid amounting to £6 7s. 8d. [8]

160 14 Nov. 1759. Wi. Boddicott [and] Wi. Terry surveyors for 1757 have brought in their accounts and there remains due to the accountants £7 4s. 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ d.

Sam. Minton and Mary are to go into the house at the gate which Jo. Larkin lived in, and all things in the house that will be of any use to the parish are to be sent to the workhouse. [7]

161 [p. 138] 26 Dec. 1759. The following put in nomination to be presented to the bench of justices for them to choose 2 or more of them to serve surveyors : Swift Kirby, Th. Cogger, Jo. Paterson, Ja. Inward, Wi. Elmns, Ri. Carter.

A rate granted for the use of the poor for the last half-year from Mich. last to L.D. at 15d. in the pound.¹

Edw. Winchester churchwarden's casual poor's bill to be paid amounting to £5 10s. 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. [12]

162 [p. 139] 2 March 1760. A warrant to be taken out against Eliz. Ridge to be examined touching the place of her last legal settlement. [7]

163 30 March 1760. The accounts of Wi. Jennings and Edw. Winchester late churchwardens allowed and on balance there remains due to the parish £2 13s. 4d., and [the same] is to be paid to the succeeding churchwardens. The accounts of Jos. Freeman and Wi. Marshall late surveyors allowed with their vouchers, and on balance there remains due to the parish £5 os. 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. which is to be paid to Wi. Boddicott and Wi. Terry surveyors for 1757 in part of monies due from the parish to them. [10]

¹ The clerk inadvertently wrote ' poor ' instead of ' pound '.

164 [p. 140] 8 Apr. 1760. The following appointed churchwardens : Wi. Ireland, Wi. Terry. The following put in nomination to be presented to the bench of justices for them to choose 2 or more of them to serve overseers : Dan. Watney, Wi. Marshall, Wi. Boddicott, Swift Kirby, Ch. Newsham Pigott, Th. Cogger.

A rate granted for the necessary repairs of the church at 2*d.* in the pound.

Edw. Winchester churchwarden's casual poor's bill amounting to £2 14*s.* ½*d.* to be paid. [9]

165 [p. 141] 18 May 1760. Madam Belitha has the consent of this vestry to erect a pew at her own expense in the same place as the passage is leading to the gallery stairs, in length 13½ ft from the left-hand of the coming-in of the church door in the south front, and 4 ft 4 in. in breadth, as it is marked out on a plan for the alteration and erection of some pews to be built for the inhabitants. The addition of pews is to be made according to a plan shown before the vestry and [according to an] estimate given for that purpose for the inhabitants of the parish before Madam Belitha's pew as it is set forth below stairs in the plan, and a gallery is to be erected over the said part of the church for enlarging it according to the plan for £60, which is explained in the estimate, at the expense of the inhabitants by an equal pound rate. [11]

166 [p. 142] 1 June 1760. Wi. Coatsworth and Th. Wray late surveyors have brought in their accounts and on balance there remains due £3 3*s.* 7¼*d.* to the accountants.

Th. Palmer allowed 15*s.* to help pay for a truss and carrying him to hospital.

Jo. Brown to be bound to the freedom of the City of London, and Mr Cookesey has promised to pay the £6 out of the charity Lady Dorothy Ceicel left to this parish. [9]

167 15 June 1760. A rate granted for the necessary relief of the poor for the first half-year from L.D. last to Mich. at 1*s.* 6*d.* in the pound. [6]

168 [p. 143] 29 June 1760. Ordered by a great majority that the Commons be applied to for a faculty for making a gallery and other conveniences according to a plan given in. Prior to the application Mr Phillips or Mr Shacksphere, one or both of them, to be desired to survey that part of the church that no damage may be done to the fabric of the church or the steeple in the alteration intended to be done. [15]

169 31 Aug. 1760. Ri. Stevens to be allowed necessary relief according to the discretion of the churchwardens so long as he continues ill.

Edw. Winchester's casual poor's bill amounting to £4 18*s.* to be paid. [9]

170 [p. 144] 19 Oct. 1760. A rate granted for the necessary repairs of the church at 9*d.* in the pound from L.D. 1760 to L.D. 1761.

Wi. Ireland churchwarden's casual poor's bill to be paid amounting to £4 1*s.*

The well on the Common is to be repaired and cleaned and the surveyors are ordered to have it done.

Th. Wray allowed the quarter's rent which He. Acres left unpaid when he and his goods was taken into the workhouse.

Dame Shearman appointed mistress of the workhouse in the room of Mrs Ridley who is lately married. Mrs Ridley is upon her peril to take anything out

of the workhouse without the consent of the parish any otherwise than her wearing apparel.

The following nominated to be presented to the bench of justices to be holden by adjournment at Kingston upon Thames from the last general Q.S. to choose one of them to serve constable in the room of Edm. Bailey, gone out of the parish : Th. Hopkins carpenter, Wi. Walker calico-printer, Wi. Watney shop-keeper.¹ [8]

171 [p. 145] 21 Dec. 1760. Edw. Winchester and Wi. Ireland churchwardens' accounts allowed and on balance there remains due from the accountants £2 17s. 2½d. Geo. Hayden and Th. Hopkins late overseers have brought in their accounts and on balance there remains due from the accountants £10 16s. 5¼d.

Wi. Ireland churchwarden's casual poor's bill to be paid amounting to £1 13s. Jo. Carter constable's bill to be paid amounting to 14s.

The officers are to put the law in execution to oblige Th. Burford to swear to his parish and to make him bring a certificate for himself and family. [10]

172 26 Dec. 1760. The following put in nomination to be presented to the bench of justices for them to choose 2 or more of them to serve surveyors : Ri. Ivatt Esq., Wi. Jennings, Swift Kirby, Jo. Carter, Wi. Elmns, Jo. Paterson.

The overseers to clothe Wid. Hern's girl at their discretion. [8]

173 [p. 146] 15 Feb. 1761. A rate granted for the necessary relief of the poor from Mich. last and ending at L.D. at 9d. in the pound.

Wi. Ireland churchwarden's casual poor's bill to be paid amounting to £1 17s.

Mrs Kent to be removed to the parish she belongs and the officers to be indemnified all reasonable expenses they are at in doing the same.

Ri. Lowick allowed a coat, hat, stockings, shoes and a pr of breeches. [11]

174 [p. 147] 24 March 1761. The following appointed churchwardens : Wi. Ireland, Geo. Hayden. The following nominated for overseers, to be presented to the bench of justices for them to choose 2 or more of them to serve the office : Ch. Newsham Pigott, Jo. Carter, Wi. Boddicott, Swift Kirby, Th. Rowsell, Wi. Jennings.

Wi. Ireland churchwarden's casual poor's bill to be paid amounting to £2 11s. [7]

175 [p. 148] 26 Apr. 1761. Mr Rose's bill has been examined and it is the opinion of this vestry to pay him £20, which bill amounted to £20 12s. 8d.

The persons who are able to do anything as is in the workhouse are to give an account of what they do or earn to the officers.

Wi. Ireland churchwarden's casual poor's bill to be paid amounting to £1 9s. 2d.

Books to be provided by the overseers for the workhouse children.

The names of the persons who can or do spin : Th. Greenfield's wife, Jo. Dorsett's wife, Jo. Edmon's wife, Dame Hopkins. [14]

176 [p. 149] 17 May 1761. A rate granted for the necessary relief of the poor at 15d. in the pound commencing at L.D. last and ending at Mich.

Wi. Ireland churchwarden's casual poor's bill to be paid amounting to £1 3s. 11½d.

¹ In the list submitted to Q.S. Hopkins's name is underlined to indicate that he was appointed (S.R.O. Q.S. Bundle Mich. 1760).

Mr Pigott to be paid 15s. 6d. for binding Jo. Brown to the freedom of the City of London. [8]

177 [p. 14] 14 June 1761. There are to be a new black cloth pall with white 'Scarce-nett' to cover the dead, table linen and napkins, a new surplice and a master of arts hood, and the churchwardens are to buy the same directly.

All the necessary repairs wanting to be done to the church are to be done in as frugal a manner as can be, such as the tiling mended, the plastering within and without mended and whitewashed, and painting and glazing where wanting.

Eliz. Narrowway to be granted a certificate from this parish to Wandsworth for she and her son. [9]

178 [p. 150] 23 Aug. 1761. Whereas Dorothy Bristow and Mary her daughter, widow of Geo. Bristow, have been brought to the parish by an order of removal on the complaint of the officers of St Andrews Holborn-above-the-Bars under the hands and seals of Ste. Clarke and Fra. Bedwell J.P.s, we agree to take her as our parishioner legally settled in Wimbledon.

W. Ireland churchwarden's casual poor's bill amounting to £2 2s. 7½d. to be paid. [7]

179 [p. 151] 22 Nov. 1761. A rate granted for the necessary repairs of the parish [church] at 8d. in the pound commencing at L.D. last and ending at L.D. next.

Wi. Ireland churchwarden's casual poor's bill amounting to £3 6s. 4d. to be paid.

Jo. Paterson and Wi. Elmns surveyors' accounts for 1760 have been allowed and on balance there remains due to the parish 17s. 9½d. [8] ¹

180 [p. 152] 26 Dec. 1761. The following put in nomination to be presented to the bench of justices for them to choose 2 or more of them to be surveyors: He. Banks Esq., Ch. Pace, Jos. Goodenough, Jo. Carter, Ri. Ivatt Esq., Jo. Paterson.

Widows' half-crowns: Wids. Russell, Greentree, Peacock, Hopkins. [Total] 10s.

Wi. Ireland late churchwarden's accounts allowed. Dan. Watney and Wi. Marshall late overseers' accounts allowed.

The succeeding surveyors are to pay £5 as by lot levied by the trustees of the Epsom Turnpike towards widening and keeping of 'Martin' bridge in repair for the future.² [10]

181 [p. 153] 13 Apr. 1762. The following appointed churchwardens: Geo. Hayden, Th. Hopkins. The following put in nomination to be presented to the bench of justices for them to choose 2 or more of them to serve overseers: Ch. Pace, Wi. Ireland, Jo. Carter, Ch. Newsham Pigott, Th. Rowsell, Th. Wray.

¹ The vestrymen sign their names to the record of this meeting in the minute book.

² Meeting of the trustees of the Epsom Turnpike, 26 Dec. 1761. If the parishes of Merton, Mitcham and Wimbledon will pay the trustees £20 (in the proportions Mitcham £10, Merton £5, Wimbledon £5) towards repairing and widening the bridge at Merton (which the 3 parishes are by law obliged to maintain), the trustees will fully repair and widen the bridge and for the future take upon them the whole charge of repairing the same, which money is to be paid to the treasurer to the trustees before L.D. next (S.R.O. P5/5/99). For the liability of the three parishes for the upkeep of Merton bridge at an earlier date (1578) see London County Council, *Court Minutes of the Surrey and Kent Sewer Commission*, vol 1 (1909), pp. 311-12.

Wi. Ireland churchwarden's casual poor's bill to be paid amounting to £3 16s.
Th. Hopkins late constable's bill to be paid amounting to £1 9s. 6d. [10]

182 [p. 154] 16 May 1762. Swift Kirby and Wi. Boddicott late overseers have brought in their accounts with vouchers and on balance there remains due to the accountants £8 os. 6d.

A rate or assessment to be made for the necessary relief of the poor at 12d. in the pound commencing at L.D. last and ending at Mich., being the first half-year's rate for 1762.

Baron Smyth may sit in the pew which Dr Shaw used to sit in so long as he is an inhabitant of this parish. [10]

183 25 July 1762. The churchwardens and overseers are to petition the Deputy Lieutenants and J.P.s assembled at the Fox and Hounds Inn, Croydon, on 31 July to appeal for relief in sending so many men for the parish which is adjudged more than an equality with other parishes, and also to take their directions concerning finding 2 volunteers to fill up the vacancies in the room of Wi. Rowsell and David Atkins lately discharged out of the militia.

Geo. Hayden churchwarden's casual poor's bill to be paid amounting to £2 6s. 4d. [8]

184 [p. 155] 8 Aug. 1762. The officers are to agree with 2 men to serve as substitutes in the room of Wi. Rowsell and David Atkins lately discharged from the militia, and the charge of the 2 men is to be paid out of the poor's rate.

Wi. Boddicott paid into the hands of Wi. Ireland and Ch. Pace £1 1s. 9d. being the balance of Mr Boddicott and Mr Kirby late overseers' accounts due to the parish. [6]

185 28 Nov. 1762. Wi. Ireland and Geo. Hayden late churchwardens have brought in their accounts with vouchers and on balance there remains due to the accountants £2 16s. 2½d., and the succeeding churchwardens are to pay the same.

[Bills to be paid.] Geo. Haydon churchwarden's casual poor's bill, £1 19s. 6d. W. Jennings late constable, £1 10s. Ch. Pace late headborough for attending the justices at Croydon in '59 and '60, £1 4s. Jo. Carter for coffins, £1 4s. [7] ¹

186 [p. 156] ² 19 Dec. 1762. Ri. Ivatt and Jo. Paterson [late surveyors] have brought in their accounts and they have been allowed, and upon balance there remains due to the accountants £1 3s. 8½d.

Wi. Watney headborough's bill amounting to £1 4s. to be paid. [7] ¹

187 26 Dec. 1762. The underwritten put in nomination to be presented to the bench of justices for them to choose 2 or more of them to serve surveyors: Edw. Winchester, Wi. Watney, Jos. Freeman, W. Chainey, Jos. Goodenough, Jo. Martin, Sir He. Bankes Knt, R. Ivatt Esq.

Geo. Hayden's casual poor's bill to be paid amounting to £2 15s. 3d. [6]

188 [p. 157] 16 Jan. 1763. Whereas Ja. Eades attended and brought in a bill for lodging and maintaining Th. Taylor, one of his lodgers, in the smallpox, and it is unanimously agreed that he shall not be allowed anything for it amounting to £4 10s., and whereas he says that he will employ an attorney at law and bring

¹ The vestrymen sign their names to the record of this meeting in the minute book.

² See Plate 2.

an action against Geo. Hayden churchwarden for the recovery of his bill, Geo. Hayden shall be reimbursed all expenses and cost of suit he shall be at if such is brought against him. [9]

189 30 Jan. 1763. A rate granted for the necessary uses and repairs of the church at 2*d.* in the pound. A rate granted for the necessary relief of the poor at 8*d.* in the pound commencing at Mich. last and ending at L.D.

Jos. Goodenough late headborough has brought in his bill for attending the J.P.s at Croydon on account of the militia men, amounting to £1 8*s.*, and it is to be paid. [8]

190 [p. 158] 5 Apr. 1763. The following nominated churchwardens : Th. Hopkins, Jo. Paterson. The following put in nomination to be presented to the bench of justices for them to choose 2 or more of them to serve overseers : Th. Wray, Wi. Watney, Jos. Freeman, Wi. Walker, Th. Rowsell, Ch. Newsham Pigott.

Wi. Chainey late headborough has brought in a bill for attending the justices at Croydon on account of the militia men, amounting to 5*s.*, and it is to be paid. [10]

191 [p. 159] 24 July 1763. Adjourned to Sunday next as soon as morning service is done that a plan may be prepared for the intended pew for Pe. Taylor Esq. [10]

192 31 July 1763. Pe. Taylor Esq. to have liberty at his own expense to build a gallery over the pews of Sir Abraham Janssen and Lyde Brown agreeable to a plan produced to this vestry. [11]

193 21 Aug. 1763. A rate granted for the necessary relief of poor for the first half-year from L.D. last to Mich. at 14*d.* in the pound.

Ri. Lowick allowed £5 5*s.* salary for being beadle and assistant to the officers. He is also allowed a coat, breeches, shoes and stockings and a gold-laced hat. [9]

194 [p. 160] 30 Oct. 1763. Geo. Hayden late churchwarden has brought in his accounts and on balance there remains due to the accountant £3 7*s.* 6½*d.*, and the succeeding churchwardens are to pay the same. Wi. Ireland and Ch. Pace late overseers have brought in their accounts and on balance there remains due to the accountants £7 1*s.* ½*d.*

Th. Hopkins churchwarden's casual poor's bill to be paid amounting to £1 8*s.* 1*d.* [10]

195 18 Dec. 1763. Sir He. Bankes Knt and Jo. Paterson surveyors for 1762 have brought in their accounts and on balance there remains due to the parish 6*s.* 2¼*d.* [9]

196 [p. 161] 26 Dec. 1763. The underwritten put in nomination to be presented to the bench of justices for them to choose 2 or more of them to serve surveyors : Pe. Taylor Esq., Wi. Ireland, Ch. Pace, Ch. Newsham Pigott, Edw. Winchester, Wi. Chainey. [8]

197 26 Feb. 1764. A rate granted for the necessary relief of the poor from Mich. last to L.D. at 6*d.* in the pound.

Th. Hopkins churchwarden's casual poor's bill to be paid amounting to £1 3*s.* 6*d.*

At a Vestrey Hold at the Parish Church of Kimbleton
in the County of Surrey on the 13th Day of October 1751

The Vestrey being Informed that in Case of a Wet Winter the
Parish may be in Danger of being Injured for bad Places that may
Accidentally may happen upon the Roads in order to prevent
which it is the Opinion of this Vestrey that some persons be
appointed to Assist. Mr Richards and Mr Chambers who likely
will be Absent when most wanted on those Occasions and
accordingly it is ordered and agreed that Mr George Haydon
and Mr Thomas Sawkins hath power and authority to Set
Turnes and Labourers to work Between this and the first of
January Next to mend any Places that may Require to be
Repaired from the white post at Martin to the Gate at Towns
End and Mr Thomas Rowse and Mr James Jennings to take
Care in like manner of all the Rest of the roads in the said parish
and what Expence they are at in setting people to work they are
to be Reimbursed by the Acting Gentlemen Surveyors

Ordered that Security be Taking on Account of Ann Brown
being bigg with Child

It is the Opinion of this Vestrey in Relation to the Woman
at Martin that this Parish hath Nothing to do with that Affair

It is agreed That Mary Greenfield be allowed one Shift & Apron

It is agreed That Bows Girl that is with James Jennings be
allowed Two Aprons and a pair of Pattens

It is agreed That the Girl of Lunchesters that is with the Widows
Dowdswells be allowed 2 Shillings per week as per con.

Mr W^m Ferry... Churchwarden

Mr Joⁿ Paterson overseer

Gregory Chambers Esq^r Surveyor

Mr Thomas Rowse Headborough

William Southouse Esq^r

Mr Thomas Sawkins

Mr Geo: Haydon

Mr James Jennings

Mr Charles Pigott

Mr William Edmunds

Inhabitants

At a Vestry Held at the Parish Church of Wimbledon in the County of Surry on the 19th day of December 1762 -

Whereas Richard Pratt Esq and Mr John Paterson hath Brought in their Accounts and they have been Examined and allowed and were so find upon the Balances of the said accounts that there remains due to the said Accountants the sum of one Pound three shillings and eight pence half Penny

It is agreed at the same time that William Watney hath Brought in his Newboroughs Bill and it is allowed and approved of amounting to the sum of one Pound four shillings and it is ordered to be paid

Geo Haydon } Church Wardens

Charles Jace } Overseers
Wm Ireland

J^r Paterson }
Wm Watney } Inhabitants
Edw Winchester }
Wm Fanning }

At a Vestry Held at the Parish Church of Wimbledon in the County of Surry on the 26th day of December 1762

It is agreed at this vestry that the underwritten Persons are put in nomination for them to be Presented to the Bench of Justices for them to choose two or more of them to serve Surveyors of the highways for the above said Parish for the year ensuing
Viz - Mr Edward Winchester Mr Will Watney Mr Joseph Thomas and Mr Thomas
Mr Joseph Gordonough Mr John Martin Mr Henry Bankes Mr Wm J. J. J.

It is agreed at this vestry that Mr George Haydens Casual Doors Bill hath been Examined and allowed and ordered to be Paid amounting to Two Pounds fifteen shillings and three pence

Present in Vestry George Hayden Thomas Hopkins Church Wardens

William Ireland Charles Jace Overseers

Daniel Watney Charles Newsham Digott Inhabitants

An Estimate of Bricklayers Work to be done for the Parish of Wimbeldon.
 August 26th 1776. J. W. Henry.

To 3 Rod 7/4 Feet pulling down the Old Wall & cleaning the Bricks } £ 13.0
 at 10^s per Rod }
 To 3 Rod 1/2 finding Mortar & Labour at 3^s per Rod . . . 9.15.0
 25 Yards at 5^s per Yard 0.10.6
 To 2 Rod all New finding all at £7.10. per Rod 15.0.0

This is an Estimate to build the New Wall five feet high above Ground and
 Two feet in Ground



At a Vestry held in the Parish Church of Wimbeldon in County of Surry, on
 Sunday the 1st September 1776 pursuant to Notice thereof, previously given in the
 said Church on the preceding Sabbath Day

Present

William Lawrence Esq.^r } Conyn Morris Esq.^r } Cha. Newsham Esq.^r } John Humphrey
 William Southouse Esq.^r } Samuel Rush Esq.^r } William Nade } John Edwards

Resolved, that a Rate be granted for the necessary Relief of the Poor of
 this Parish for half a year from Lady Day 1776 to Michaelmas 1776 at
 One Shilling in the Pound, to be assessed on the Parishioners &c.

N.B. The Original Draught of the Minute here Entered was signed by all present.

At a Vestry held in the Parish Church of Wimbledon in the County of Surrey on Tuesday the 22 Day of April 1783. Whereof Notice was given in the said Church on the preceding Sabbath Day.

Present.

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| Rev ^d M ^r Randolph | W ^m Rose | Rob ^t Kettleton |
| Rich ^d Gaire Esq ^r | Chas ^r New. Pigott | John Martin |
| | Sam ^l Mason | Thos ^r Peacock |
| | Thos ^r Watney | John Watney |
| | J ⁿ Edwards | Edward Eades |

Resolved that the following Persons be appointed Church Wardens for the said Parish for the Year ensuing

John Edwards

Benj^m Bond Hopkins Esq^r

Resolved that the following Persons be put in Nomination and Return to his Majesty's Bench of Justices of the Peace for this County for their appointment of two or more of them to serve the Office of Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of Wimbledon for the Year ensuing.

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| Viz ^t George Chamberlaine Esq ^r | Rob ^t Kettleton |
| Chas ^r Newsham Esq ^r | W ^m Jennings |
| Daniel Parker | Thos ^r Halls |

Resolved that a Meeting of the Inhabitants be held at the Poor House on the first Monday in every Month in the Evening to examine the Expenses of the Poor House for the Last Month and the better to carry his Business into Execution it is proposed the Overseers have Notice given them to lay all Bills that have been contracted during the above time before the Inhabitants who shall be then and there assembled for their Inspection it is also Proposed that the Church Wardens be desired to bring their Casual Poor Bill at the same Time and Place for Inspection and Payment and that a Book be provided and that all the Bills be entered therein the Whole of the Bills to be subject to the Inspection of vestry Previous to Copying the Year Account And the better to Enable the Overseers to Provide the Necessary Stores and Provisions in the Best and Cheapest Manner for the Poorhouse Resolved that a Rate be Granted Within one Month after the Officers are appointed by the Justices and that a Second Rate be Granted within one Month after Michaelmas following.

The churchwardens are to apply to the Court of Request for a summons to force Edw. Bingham to pay his note of hand which he gave to the parish. [8]

198 [p. 162] 11 March 1764. A rate granted for the necessary repairs of the church and its uses at 4d. in the pound from L.D. 1763 to L.D. 1764.

A case is to be drawn up by an attorney to be laid before a counsel for his opinion in regard to the settlement of Jo. Moss whether he be a parishioner or not. The officers are to apply to Mr Jemmett the attorney at Kingston. [11]

199 1 Apr. 1764. The pew that the gentlemen's women-servants sit in is granted to Geo. Bond Esq., and the women are to sit in the pew erected for the men behind the said pew until Mr Bond has leave to sit in Madam Ivatt's pew, which is thought may be by Mich. next or thereabouts as she has given warning to quit her house. [7]

200 [p. 163] Tues. 24 Apr. 1764. The following nominated churchwardens : Jo. Paterson, Wi. Walker. The following put in nomination to be presented to the bench of justices for them to choose 2 or more of them to serve overseers : W. Jennings, Jos. Freeman, Ch. Newsham Pigott, Edw. Winchester, Wi. Chainey, Th. Rowsell. [5]

[*Copy settlement certificate.*] We Jo. Paterson, Wi. Walker, Edw. Winchester and W. Jennings churchwardens and overseers of the parish of Wimbledon own and acknowledge Ri. Turner, Mary his wife and Mary their child, aged about 1 month, to be our inhabitants legally settled in the parish of Wimbledon. In witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands and seals 25 Nov. 1764. Attested by us W. Chainey, Ri. Lowick. To the churchwardens and overseers of Putney.

[*A copy of the order, to be completed by 2 justices, allowing the above certificate and certifying that Ri. Lowick made oath that he saw the churchwardens and overseers sign and seal the certificate, is here set down.*]

201 [p. 164] 26 May 1764. As by the opinion of Mr Rose Th. Dickerson's disorder is the dropsy, the officers are to apply to some of the gentlemen for a letter to get him into a hospital as an in-patient, and if not approved of [he is] to be taken into the house and the officers are to apply to some doctor for his advice what to do with him and in the cheapest manner.

The officers are to apply to some J.P. to force Jo. Hutchins and wife to take care of their children and take them out of the house and provide for them. [7]

202 ¹ 19 Aug. 1764. Wi. Watney and Th. Wray late overseers have brought in their accounts and there remains due to the accountants £21 13s. 9½d.

A rate granted for the necessary relief of the poor for the first half-year from L.D. last to Mich. at 16d. in the pound. [8]

203 21 Oct. 1764. The pew late Madam Ivatt's is to be given to Geo. Bond Esq. for the time he has in the house or so long as he stays in the parish, and at his departure he is to return the key of the pew into the hands of the churchwardens for them to dispose of the same to such person as the parish and vestry shall think fit. [4]

204 [p. 165] Sunday 25 Nov. 1764. Edw. Winchester and Wi. Chainey surveyors for 1763 have brought in their accounts with vouchers, and on balance there remains due to the parish £1 4s. 9d.

¹ The record of this meeting was omitted from its proper place and crammed in at the foot of the page below no. 203.

The surveyors are to order the posts and rails leading from the church to Sam. Rush Esq.'s to be painted as soon as the season of the year permits.

The officers are to take up He. Potter and have him examined and remove him to his parish as he is likely to become chargeable. [7]

205 26 Dec. 1764. The underwritten put in nomination to be presented to the bench of justices for them to choose 2 or more of them to serve surveyors : Jo. Martin, W. Watney, Ch. Pace, Jo. Carter, Pe. Taylor Esq., Wi. Ireland. [8]

206 [p. 166] Tues. 9 Apr. 1765. The following nominated churchwardens : W. Walker, Dan. Watney. The following put in nomination to be presented to the bench of justices for them to choose 2 or more of them to serve overseers : Jos. Freeman, Jo. Chesterman, Th. Rowsell, Jo. Carter, Jos. Goodenough, Ja. Eades.

A rate granted for the necessary relief of the poor at 6*d.* in the pound commencing from Mich. 1764 and ending at L.D. 1765.

Jo. Paterson churchwarden's casual poor's bill amounting to £6 4*s.* 2*d.* to be paid.

The churchwardens are to open the pew Ri. Carter claims as his for the benefit of the parishioners, the church being very much crowded and that [pew] always shut up and made no use of. The pew which the gentlemen's maidservants sit in is to be kept for the inhabitants' wives as pay scot and lot to the parish and who do the business of the parish. The maidservants are to go into the pew that the footmen now sit in and the footmen are to go up into the gallery, there being great necessity in the church for room. The churchwardens are to put the same into execution forthwith. [10]

207 [p. 167] 4 Aug. 1765. A rate granted for the necessary repairs and uses of the church at 3*d.* in the pound from L.D. 1764 to L.D. 1765.

Proposed that He. Harding be put in nomination to be beadle instead of Ri. Lowick decd. Adjourned.

Dan. Watney churchwarden's casual poor's bill amounting to £4 15*s.* 6*d.* to be paid. [8]

208 29 Sept. 1765. A rate granted for the necessary relief of the poor at 12*d.* in the pound commencing at L.D. last and ending this day dated above, being Mich. day.

He. Harding appointed beadle instead of Ri. Lowick decd. [9]

[p. 168] Whereas the trustees of Lady Dorothy Cecil's Charity have subscribed £5 annually to the Wimbledon school, it is their unanimous opinion that poor children in the parish workhouse shall be among those taught on account of the charity. Ben. Hays, Jo. Cooksey, Z. Chambers.¹

209 [p. 169] 26 Dec. 1765. The following put in nomination to be presented to the bench of justices for them to choose 2 or more of them to serve surveyors : Ch. Newsham Pigott, Jo. Carter, Wi. Gonstone, Th. Rowsell, Wi. Watney, Jo. Martin.

The accounts of Pe. Taylor and Wi. Ireland surveyors for 1764 with their vouchers have been examined, and on balance there is due to the parish £6 7*s.* 4½*d.*

¹ S.R.O. P5/7/121 is the original signed memorandum of which this entry is a copy. It is not dated.

Jo. Carter late constable's bill for attending the bench of justices at Putney, Southwark and Croydon on account of the militia to be paid. [8]

210 [p. 170] 9 March 1766. Th. Hopkins and Jo. Paterson churchwardens for 1763 have brought in their accounts with vouchers and on balance there remains due to the parish £4 1s. $\frac{1}{2}d$. Messrs Winchester and Jennings overseers for 1764 have brought in their accounts and on balance there remains due £12 8s. 9d. to the parish.

A rate granted for the necessary relief of the poor for the last half-year from Mich. 1765 to L.D. 1766 at 7d. in the pound.

The officers are to take opinion of counsel on Geo. Scarnell's indenture, if the master is not entitled to maintain him in time of sickness during his apprenticeship. [10]

211 [p. 171] 1 Apr. 1766. The following nominated churchwardens: Dan. Watney, Swift Kirby. The following put in nomination to be presented to the bench of justices for them to choose 2 or more of them to serve overseers: Wi. Chainey, Wi. Ireland, Jo. Martin, Ch. Newsham Pigott, Wi. Gonstone, Jo. Chesterman.

Wi. Chainey late constable has brought in his bill of expenses and it is to be paid amounting to £1 3s. 6d. [9]

212 [p. 172] 4 May 1766. Jo. Paterson and Wi. Walker late churchwardens have brought in their accounts for 1764 with their vouchers and on balance there remains due from the accountants £14 18s. 7 $\frac{1}{2}d$. which is to be paid into the hands of the succeeding churchwardens.

Jo. Paterson's casual poor's bill to be paid amounting to £9 19s. 5d. [6]

213 [p. 173] 24 Aug. 1766. A rate or assessment granted for the first half-year from L.D. to Mich. for the necessary relief of the poor at 1s. in the pound.

The churchwardens and overseers are to try the cause of which they have had notice to be tried at Hicks Hall concerning the unjust removal of Catherine Clark from St James's¹ in the liberty of Westminster by order of removal.² [5]

214 5 Oct. 1766. Jo. Chesterman and Jos. Freeman decd. late overseers have brought in their accounts with vouchers and on balance there remains due to the parish £6 9s. 9d.

Dan. Watney churchwarden has brought in his casual poor's bill on account of Catherine Clark's unjust removal from St James's to Wimbledon amounting to £8 17s. 6d. and ordered to be paid. [7]

215 [p. 174] 14 Dec. 1766. Wi. Watney and Jo. Martin surveyors for 1765 have brought in their accounts with vouchers and we find that the whole monies are expended and there is no balance between the parish and the surveyors.

Ch. Pace late constable has brought in his bill of expenses for his year and it is to be paid amounting to £1 14s. 3d. Th. Goddard late headborough has brought in his bill of expenses for the same year and it is to be paid amounting to 5s. [11]

216 [p. 175] 26 Dec. 1766. The following put in nomination to be presented to the bench of justices for them to choose 2 or more of them to serve surveyors: W. Jennings, Ja. Young, Th. Goddard, Wi. Gonstone, Th. Rowsell, Jo. Carter.

¹ 'St George's Hanover Sqr.' in the original minute (S.R.O. P5/3/48).

² The appeal against the order for the removal of Katherine Clarke was allowed at Hicks Hall (Middlesex Sessions House) on 1 Sept. 1766 (Middlesex County R.O. S.B. 1218/85).

The bill of expenses of removing [blank] King and family from Mitcham to Wimbledon by virtue of a certificate lying in the parish of Mitcham from the parish of Wimbledon [was examined] amounting to £3 5s., [of] which the vestry hath ordered £2 19s. [to be paid], which said 6s.¹ we suppose all parishes where the pauper lives and is removed from are to pay for the examination and orders of removal. [8]

217 [p. 176] 18 Jan. 1767. Omitted.²

The officers are to take out orders of removal for Paul Barns to carry him to Merton, and for Ann Finch otherwise Dunn to 'Weddesdon', Bucks., and we indemnify the officers in all expenses. [5]

218 1 March 1767. A rate or assessment granted for the necessary relief of the poor for the last half-year from Mich. last to L.D. at 9d. in the pound.

Mr Johnstone the schoolmaster has brought in a bill for several years standing for books for the poor children in the workhouse, and it is resolved that the overseers pay for all the books had in their year and no further back.³

219 [p. 177] 21 Apr. 1767. Wi. Walker and Dan. Watney late churchwardens have brought in their accounts with vouchers for 1765 and on balance there remains due to the accountants 7s. 7½d. which the succeeding churchwardens are to pay.

The following nominated churchwardens : Swift Kirby, Wi. Boddicott. The following put in nomination to be presented to the bench of justices for them to choose 2 or more of them to serve overseers : Th. Goddard, Jo. Martin, Ch. Newsham Pigott, Th. Hopkins, Wi. Ireland, Wi. Chainey.

A rate granted for the use of the church for 1766 at 3d. in the pound.

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220 [p. 178] 23 Aug. 1767. A master is to be advertised for to be governor of the workhouse as soon as a man can be got with a character as will answer to the satisfaction of the parish, for their immediately putting the parish poor into a proper regulation as in different parishes. The officers are to order an advertisement to be put into the public papers for that purpose as soon as possible.

A rate granted for the necessary relief of the poor at 12d. in the pound commencing at L.D. last to Mich.

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221 [p. 179] 22 Sept. 1767. The following gentlemen and inhabitants put in nomination to be presented to the bench of justices for them to choose 2 or more of them to serve surveyors : Sam. Rush, Jo. Bridger, Wi. Wilberforce, Geo. Bond and Wi. Lawrance Esqs., W. Jennings, Dan. Watney, Jo. Paterson, Ja. Young, Ch. Newsham Pigott.

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222 [p. 180] 22 Sept. 1767. Patrick Seaton and Th. Wood appointed to make a choice of one of them to serve as master of the workhouse if their character will answer. The officers are to make enquiry into their character and lay the same

¹ i.e. the difference between the amount of the bill and the sum authorised to be paid.

² The record of this meeting was entered after no. 218.

³ See Appendix IIIc for further documents in the dispute between the schoolmaster and the vestry over the education of workhouse children. A postscript to a letter written by the master, 4 Aug. 1786, reads 'And [it] is the Opinion of my Attorney that you had a greater Right to pay for the Children when you took them away, then you have to bring an Ac[tion], and as to your Order of Vestry Every man of Sence laughs at [it].'

before the gentlemen of the parish for their appointing one of them on Sunday next as soon as service is done in the forenoon. [15]

223 Sunday 27 Sept. 1767. For Th. Wood ~~#####~~. For Patrick Seaton ———.¹ Th. Wood was unanimously chosen master of the workhouse at the salary of £20 p.a. and his diet and lodging in the house, but no other perquisites. His wife also to have diet and lodging in consideration of her teaching the children spinning and other useful manufactures as shall be directed or approved of by the trustees. [12]

224² [p. 182] 19 Oct. 1767. Committee at the schoolhouse. [13]

For the better regulating the workhouse the gentlemen of the parish are to be desired to assist the churchwardens and overseers in visiting and enquiring into the conduct and behaviour of the master and the poor, and 2 of the gentlemen are to take upon them the said trust by monthly rotation, viz. Mr Bridger and Mr Southouse from this day to 16 Nov. inclusive, and Mr Morris and Mr Bond for the next succeeding 4 weeks.

Complaint has been made at this meeting by the master of the workhouse in respect of Edw. Carter for misbehaviour. Edw. Carter is to attend the trustees and overseers at the schoolhouse on Mon. 26 inst. and the master is to give him notice accordingly. Jo. Bridger, Wi. Southouse, trustees.

225 [p. 181] Sunday 29 Nov. 1767. Dan. Watney late churchwarden's casual poor's bill amounting to £20 9s. 9d. to be paid.

W. Ireland and W. Chainey late overseers have brought in their accounts with vouchers and have been allowed, and on balance there remains due to the accountants £14 19s. 2½d.

[Bills to be paid.] Wi. Watney late constable for serving the office 1 year, 15s. 8d. Ri. Peacock late headborough's expenses in serving the office for the year, 5s. Swift Kirby's casual poor's bill, £4 15s. 11¼d. [12]

226³ [p. 182] 21 Feb. 1768. Adjourned to 1 o'clock on Monday at Ri. Carter's at the Rose and Crown.

227³ Mon. 22 Feb. 1768. Rose and Crown.

The master of the workhouse is to continue 1 month longer in his business on condition he behaves well, and upon any further misbehaviour he must expect to be discharged without any further orders by the officers. [12]

228 [p. 183] 20 March 1768. Whereas it has been reported that Wi. Terry has received £3 3s. 4d. and it has not been paid to any churchwarden as it should have been, if he will not pay the money in a month's time to the proper officers they are to put or order a citation from the Commons for that purpose.

A rate granted for the use of the church at 2d. in the pound for 1767. A rate granted for the necessary relief of the poor for the last half-year from Mich. last to L.D. at 16d. in the pound.

Swift Kirby churchwarden's casual poor's bill to be paid amounting to £1 13s. 9d. [11]

¹ For the method of voting by marking 'scratches' see *The Parish and the County*, p. 108.

² The record of this meeting was omitted from its proper place in the vestry book and entered after no. 225.

³ The record of meetings nos. 226 and 227 was crammed in at the foot of the page below no. 224.

229 [p. 184] 5 Apr. 1768. The following nominated churchwardens : Wi. Boddicott, Edw. Winchester. The following put in nomination to be presented to the bench of justices for them to choose 2 or more of them to serve overseers : Ch. Newsham Pigott, Th. Hopkins, Wi. Gonston, Th. Rowsell, Th. Godard, Jo. Martin.

He. Potter appointed beadle instead of He. Harding who is blind and bed-ridden. [8]

230 [p. 185] Sunday 3 July 1768. [11]

Rev. Jo. Cooksey informing the inhabitants present at this vestry of the necessity he is under of going to Bristol for his health which will occasion his absence for about 2 months, and that he has provided for the Sunday morn's duty but finds it difficult to provide for the afternoon, resolved unanimously that the Sunday afternoon's duty for the remainder of the season be suspended.

[Signed by 10 vestrymen.]

231 [p. 186] 31 July 1768. A rate or assessment granted for the necessary relief of the poor from L.D. last to Mich. at 1s. in the pound.

Swift Kirby late churchwarden's casual poor's bill to be paid amounting to £1 2s. 6d. Wi. Boddicott churchwarden's casual poor's bill to be paid amounting to £4 4s. 2d.

The seat in the church late Ri. Edwards's is to be continued to Mr Gaire who purchased his estate, and Mr Gaire gives leave for Sam. Rush to sit jointly with him in the seat as he has done with Mr Edwards. Leave given to Bynard Ashton and his children to sit in the 2 seats on the right and left hand of the aisle going out of the west door of the church.

The officers are to take Edw. Carter into custody and have him before a J.P. to desire him to commit him to the house of correction for so long a time as the crime of the complaint will admit. [8]

232 [p. 189] 22 Sept. 1768. 'Omitted this vestreys being Entred in its proper place.'¹

The following put in nomination to be presented to the bench of justices for them to choose 2 or more of them to serve surveyors : Wi. Lawrance, Sam. Rush, Wi. Wilberforce, Geo. Bond and Jo. Bridger Esqs., Th. Godard, Swift Kirby, Wi. Gonstone, Jo. Paterson, Wi. Jennings.

Adjourned to 7 o'clock in the evening at Ri. Carter's. [5]

233 [p. 188] 9 Oct. 1768. 'This Vestry was Omitted Enttring in its proper Place.'²

Adjourned to Sam. Mayson's at the Swan at 6 o'clock this evening. Further adjourned to Sam. Mayson's at 6 o'clock tomorrow evening to take the gentlemen's approbation concerning the alterations in the workhouse &c.

Leave given for Mr Lawrance and Mrs Nesbitt to sit jointly in the pew that Mr Scrase's family used to sit in.

This vestry stands still adjourned until Sunday next as soon as service is over in the morning by desire of the gentlemen.

234 [p. 187] Sunday 29 Jan. 1769. Swift Kirby late churchwarden has brought in his accounts with vouchers for 1767 and on balance there remains due from the

¹ It comes after no. 233 which is itself out of order.

² It was placed after no. 235.

accountant £8 6s. 1d., which is to be paid into the hands of the succeeding churchwarden, and it is accordingly done in the presence of this vestry. Th. Godard and Jo. Martin late overseers have brought in their accounts with vouchers for 1767 and on balance there remains due to the accountants £2 13s. 11d., and it is paid in the presence of this vestry.

Wi. Boddicott churchwarden's casual poor's bill to be paid amounting to £4 5s. 7d., and also another bill of casualty for necessities had from Wi. Watney for Mrs Edmonds.

The building begun at the workhouse for sheds for necessities for putting in the dead and casualty poor to be finished forthwith.

The officers are to send an order for Th. Field sen. to be taken into the workhouse as soon as he comes for it. They are to go up and see the state of Th. Crutcher and relieve him or send him into the workhouse as they think most proper. [10]

235 [p. 188] 5 March 1769. A rate granted for the necessary relief of the poor for the second half-year commencing at Mich. last and ending at L.D. at 18d. in the pound.

Strictly ordered that the men kept in the workhouse by the parish are to work on the roads and nowhere else, and such encouragement shall be given as is thought proper by the surveyors. [5]

236 [p. 189] Tues. 28 March 1769. The following appointed churchwardens : Edw. Winchester, W. Jennings. The following put in nomination to be presented to the bench of justices for them to choose 2 or more of them to serve overseers : Wi. Gonston, Bynard Ashton, Th. Rowsell, Jo. Carter, Ch. Newsham Pigott, Th. Hopkins.

Jo. Brown constable's bill amounting to 4s. 3d. to be paid.

The officers are to pay Jo. Paterson £3 3s. for rent due at L.D. last for Ri. Edmon's wife and to take her and her goods into the workhouse as soon as possible. [11]

237¹ Sunday 23 Apr. 1769. *A paper to be signed for Geo. Matthews, wife and children to acknowledge them to be legally settled in our parish until trial be made, in which case [it] will be best to continue such paper every year if the case may be reasonable, or, if the parish think it most advisable, to grant a certificate after trial be made.*

The case of Lamb about goods postponed until next vestry. [7]

238 Sunday 4 June 1769. *Adjourned to Mr Winchester's at 7 o'clock this evening.*

239 [p. 190] Sunday 23 July 1769. Omitted.²

A certificate to be granted for Geo. Mathews and wife and family to the parish of [blank], Middlesex, from Wimbledon.

The officers are to enquire into the conduct of Th. Wood master of the workhouse, as great complaint is made that he neglects to discharge his duty in what he agreed to do. [5]

240 22 Sept. 1769. The following put in nomination to be presented to the bench of justices for them to choose 2 or more of them to serve surveyors : Sam.

¹ Nos. 237 and 238 are original minutes not entered in the vestry minute book (S.R.O. P5/3/62).

² The record of this meeting was entered below no. 240.

Rush, Wi. Wilberforce, Geo. Bond, Corbyn Morris and Ben. Hays Esqs., Th. Godard, Th. Hopkins, Wi. Boddicott, Ch. Newsham Pigott, Th. Rowsell.

A rate granted for the necessary relief of the poor from L.D. last to Mich. at 15*d.* in the pound. [6]

241 [p. 191] Sunday 31 Dec. 1769. Ja. Jupp, if he likes his master as he is upon liking to, is to be bound apprentice to Mr Wilson in 'Eastcheape', cork-cutter and indigo-maker. If bound he is to have the £6 allowed by Lady Dorothy Cecil's¹ Charity which the trust has promised to pay.

The gentlemen of the trust of Lady Cecel's Charity have promised to pay Mr Harriott peruke-maker near London Wall, to whom Ja. Edmons is bound apprentice, £6 as soon as he comes of age and then he is to be bound to the freedom of the City of London. Mr Pigott has promised him the money should be paid.

Jo. Brown late constable's bill amounting to 19*s.* 4*d.* to be paid. Edw. Winchester churchwarden's casual poor's bill to be paid amounting to £3 11*s.* 6*d.* [8]

242 Sunday 25 Feb. 1770. Wi. Boddicott and Edw. Winchester late churchwardens have brought in their accounts and on balance there remains due to the accountants £12 6*s.* 9*d.*, and ordered to be paid.

A rate granted for the necessary repairs of the church &c. at 4*d.* in the pound.

Wi. Boddicott late churchwarden's casual poor's bill to be paid amounting to £2 14*s.* 6*d.*

Notice to be given to Th. Wood to quit his service at L.D. as master of the workhouse, and the officers are to get some oakum or other sort of employ to set the poor people to work, and if any refuse who is able to work [he] shall not be entitled to eat. [8]

243 [p. 192] Sunday 1 Apr. 1770. Adjourned to Mon. 9 Apr. at Ri. Carter's at the Rose and Crown at 11 o'clock in the forenoon.

A rate granted for the necessary relief of the poor for the last half-year from Mich. 1769 to L.D. 1770 at 1*s.* 3*d.* in the pound.

Ri. Turner's 2 children to be taken into the workhouse, and he agrees to pay the overseers 3*s.* p.w. and to leave the same in the hands of Mr Chapman his master for the use of the parish so long as he is able to work for him. [8]

244 9 Apr. 1770. Adjournment at Ri. Carter's at the Rose and Crown at 11 o'clock in the forenoon.

The accounts of Ch. Newsham Pigott and Th. Hopkins late overseers was examined and on balance there remains due to the accountants £18 8*s.* 1*d.* [6]

245 [p. 193] Tues. 17 Apr. 1770. The following appointed churchwardens: W. Jennings, Th. Godard. The following put in nomination to be presented to the bench of justices for them to choose 2 or more of them to serve overseers: Jo. Bridger Esq., Jo. Paterson, Wi. Chainey, Ja. Jennings, Wi. Gonston, Jo. Carter.

Ja. Jennings appointed master of the workhouse and to have £20 p.a. for him, and his wife and his 2 children to be kept in the house exclusive of this sum, from L.D. last.

Ri. Turner allowed 7*s.* p.w. out of the money he earns, and Mr Chapman is desired to keep 2*s.* back out of what he earns until further orders. [11]

¹ The clerk wrote 'Ceclse'.

246¹ Sunday 20 May 1770. Adjourned to Sunday next as soon as morning service is over.

Instead of 'Sheepards Hatch Gate' at the south-west corner of Wimbledon Common a new gate is to be erected between that gate and the pointing post at the corner of the Ridgeway, and a cottage for the accommodation of a poor person who may not be of much expense to the parish is to be built 'Contageouse' thereto at an expense not exceeding £40. The work to be done under the inspection of Rev. Mr Cooksey and Messrs Lawrance, Bridger, Bond, Wilberforce and the churchwardens and overseers and such expense to be defrayed out of the collection for the highways. [13]

247 [p. 194] 19 Aug. 1770. Sarah Lamb to go to Mr Pigott a month upon liking and if he likes she is to have 40s. for the first year, and she is to be clothed at the expense of the parish and the wages to be paid to the parish for the first year.

A rate or assessment granted for the necessary relief of the poor from L.D. last to Mich. at 1s. in the pound.

Wi. Parker and wife to be put into the house at 'Sheepards Hatch gate' during the pleasure of the parish. [8]

248 Sat. 22 Sept. 1770. The following put in nomination to be presented to the bench of justices for them to choose 2 or more of them to serve surveyors: Sam. Rush Esq., Corbyn Morris Esq., Sir He. Banks Knt, Geo. Bond Esq., Wi. Wilberforce Esq., Wi. Boddicoat, Th. Rowsell, Wi. Gonston, Wi. Jennings, Jo. Paterson. [7]

249 [p. 195] Sunday 21 Oct. 1770. Ri. Edmons to be admitted to come home to his wife and family on condition that he pays the rent he left unpaid to Jo. Paterson. The parish then agrees to lend the goods to him during the time they live together in peace and quietness, and the goods are to remain the property of the parish and an inventory is to be taken of them so that they may not be wasted, and they are to be returned to the parish on the first offence, and the parish only lends the goods to them and will not give up the claim of them as their property. [4]²

250 Sunday 24 Feb. 1771. Edw. Winchester and Wi. Jennings late churchwardens have brought in their accounts and vouchers and on balance there remains due to the parish £1 2s. 1d. Wi. Gonston and Jo. Carter late overseers have brought in their accounts with vouchers and on balance there remains due to the accountants £27 17s. 1³/₄d.

A rate or assessment granted for the necessary relief of the poor from Mich. last to L.D. at 1s. 6d. in the pound.

Wi. Jennings churchwarden's casual poor's bill to be paid amounting to £4 11s. 9d. Sam. Mason late constable has brought in his bill amounting to £1 9s. and ordered to be paid. [11]

251 [p. 196] Tues. 2 Apr. 1771. The following appointed churchwardens: Th. Godard, Wi. Gonston. The following put in nomination to be presented to the bench of justices for them to choose 2 or more of them to serve overseers: Th. Watney, Th. Wray, Jo. Edwards, Edw. Stevens, Wi. Chainey, Ja. Jennings.

The following are to be advertised for running away and leaving their wives

¹ S.R.O. P5/3/66. An original minute not entered in the vestry minute book.

² There were 5 vestrymen present according to the original minute (S.R.O. P5/3/68).

and families to the charge of the parish, viz. Ri. Edmons, Edmond Elmns, Jo. Greentree, and a guinea is to be offered for the apprehending of each of them so as they or any of them are taken and secured and delivered up to any of the officers so as they may be dealt with according to law. [8]

252 [p. 197] Sunday 14 July 1771. As Wid. Greentree has refused to deliver up the money she has earned towards her maintenance, unless she gives up what she has received she is to be forthwith turned out of the house and not to have any more victuals or drink in the house or lodging on any account.

If Th. Coatsworth pays the officers £3 13s. 6d. touching the expense of Mary Plates, her lying-in in the workhouse, her maintenance in the same, and all charges against him in getting her with child, the officers are to give him a free discharge for all claims of the parish from him. [9]

253 Sunday 22 Sept. 1771. A rate or assessment granted for the necessary relief of the poor from L.D. last to Mich. at 1s. 3d. in the pound for the first half-year of 1771. [7]

254 [p. 198] Mon. 23 Sept. 1771. The following put in nomination to be presented to the bench of justices for them to choose 2 or more of them to serve surveyors: Sam. Rush, Corbyn Morris, Ben. Hays and Wi. Southouse Esqs., Sir He. Bankes Knt, Jo. Carter, Th. Hopkins, Wi. Watney, Jo. Edwards, Jo. Paterson. [6]

255 Sunday 29 Sept. 1771. Jo. Bridger, Wi. Chainey and Ja. Jennings overseers for 1770 have brought in their accounts and on balance there remains due to the parish £10 9s. 3½d. which is to be paid to the succeeding overseers.

Th. Godard churchwarden has brought in his casual poor's bill amounting to £3 15s. 3d. and ordered to be paid. [5]

256 [p. 199] Sunday 1 Dec. 1771. Ri. Paterson hath made his complaint to this vestry and they have proposed to him to take the 2 young children, he allowing 2s. p.w., and if the parish takes the 4 children he is to pay 4s. p.w., which last proposal he has agreed to.

Geo. Lowe late constable has brought in his account of expenses during his year in office amounting to 19s. 3d., and ordered to be paid. [9]

257 Sunday 16 Feb. 1772. Messrs Jennings and Goddard late churchwardens have brought in their accounts for 1770 and on balance there remains due to the accountants £19 8s. 10d., and we order the same to be paid.

A rate or assessment granted for the necessary repairs of the church at 4d. in the pound from L.D. last to L.D. next. A rate or assessment granted for the necessary relief of the poor for the last half-year from Mich. 1771 to L.D. 1772 at 1s. 3d. in the pound.

Th. Goddard churchwarden has brought in his casual poor's bill amounting to £2 14s. 8d. and ordered to be paid. [11]

[p. 200 is blank]

258 [p. 201] Sunday 30 Aug. 1772. A rate granted for the necessary relief of the poor for half a year from L.D. last to Mich. at 1s. 3d. in the pound.

Th. Goddard late churchwarden has brought in his casual poor's bill amounting to £2 19s. 9d. and ordered to be paid.

N.B. Received of Th. Coatsworth £2 12s. 6d. for keeping a male bastard child in the workhouse which is in full of all demands. [12]

259 [p. 202] Tues. 22 Sept. 1772. The following put in nomination to be presented to the bench of justices for them to choose 2 or more of them to serve surveyors : Sam. Rush, Corbyn Morris, Ben. Hays, Wi. Southouse and Ri. Gaire Esqs., Jo. Carter, Wi. Boddicoat, Dan. Watney, Ch. Newsham Pigott, Wi. Chainey.

Th. Wray and Th. Watney late overseers have brought in their accounts and on balance there remains due to the parish £37 8s. 7d. [11]

260 Sunday 3 Jan. 1773. Whereas the case of Mary Stone concerning her settlement came before this vestry [and] it appears upon her examination on oath that she served the Miss Pearsons at Merton for 1 year and received her wages for the same, it is the opinion of this vestry that she is a parishioner of Merton and the officers are to take her before some J.P.s and take out an order of removal and convey her to Merton as the law directs in such case. [6]

261 [p. 203] 28 Feb. 1773. Th. Goddard and Wi. Gonston late churchwardens have brought in their accounts and they have been allowed, and on balance there remains due from the accountants £14 14s. ½d. which is paid in the presence of the vestry to the succeeding churchwardens.

A rate granted for the necessary relief of the poor from Mich. 1772 to L.D. 1773 at 15d. in the pound.

Wi. Gonston churchwarden has brought in his casual poor's bill amounting to £21 3s. 11d. and ordered to be paid. Wi. Watney has brought in his casual poor's bill amounting to £4 18s. 8d. and ordered to be paid.

As there is a vault erecting in the church next to the west door and it is, as this vestry is informed, intended to erect a monument over the vault that will block up the door, it is agreed that there shall be no such monument erected on any account to stop the passage to the door, and the door shall remain a free passage as it always was so that the inhabitants may have the same opportunity of going in and out as they always had. As the churchwardens have had no application made to them for leave for building the vault, it is absolutely agreed that no monument shall be erected. [16]

[p. 204] Memorandum. We Jo. Cooksey curate, Wi. Gonston and Wi. Watney churchwardens, and Jo. Edwards and Ri. Peacock overseers signify and declare that the vault lately made at the west end of the church, containing 10 ft 4 in. square in the extreme, together with the entrance into the vault [which] is in length 5 ft and in breadth 4 ft 6 in., is the sole property of Gen. Joseph Hudson of Petty France, Westminster, and his heirs for ever, subject to the payment of 1 guinea for opening the vault and half a guinea for surplice fees, together with 13s. 4d. to the clerk and 13s. 4d. for the use of the parish on every corpse to be interred in the vault. 8 March 1773. [Signed] Jo. Cooksey minister, Wi. Gonston churchwarden, Jo. Edwards overseer. Witnesses : David Watson, Th. Tegg, W. Jennings, Ch. Newsham Pigott.

262 [p. 205] Tues. 13 Apr. 1773. The following appointed churchwardens : Wi. Watney, Jo. Martin. The following put in nomination to be presented to the bench of justices for them to choose 2 or more of them to serve overseers : Wi. Rose, D. Watney, Edw. Stevens, He. Gilbert, Jo. Edwards, Ri. Peacock, Ja. Jennings.

From this day henceforth every person brought into this church or churchyard to be interred who is a non-parishioner shall pay to the churchwardens £1 1s. for the use of the parish, but if any parishioner should happen to have any mis-carriage so as to meet with any accident which ends in death, then he shall be brought into the parish and buried in the church or churchyard without paying this extra expense.

The officers are to pay £1 1s. for Jo. Lee towards his paying for a substitute to serve in the Surrey Militia, and if it should happen to be some little sum more [the paying of this] shall be left to the discretion of the officers. [16]

263 [p. 206] Sunday 9 May 1773. From this day henceforth all persons who are not parishioners of this parish who shall come to be buried in this church or churchyard shall pay £1 1s. to the minister as his dues and £1 1s. to the churchwardens for the use of the parish over and above the 13s. 4d. as has always been paid for burials in the church heretofore, and this is a final determination to all persons whom it may concern.¹

Jo. Humphrey constable has brought in his bill of expenses amounting to £1 6s. 10d. and ordered to be paid.

Jo. Brown baker has brought in a bill for board, lodging and [a] shirt, amounting to £1 17s. 6d. and ordered to be paid, and all the goods shall be taken from his house and carried to the workhouse for the security of the parish.

All the goods at Jo. Brown labourer's as have appeared by an inventory taken by the churchwardens are to be taken to the workhouse for the security of the parish and creditors.

Approved by me Jo. Cooksey minister.² [11]

264 [p. 207] Sunday 8 Aug. 1773. A rate granted for the necessary relief of the poor for half a year from L.D. last to Mich. at 1s. 3d. in the pound.

The order that every person brought to the church or churchyard to be buried is to pay £1 1s. over and above all dues formerly paid is to be confirmed by the Commons.

Wi. Gonston late churchwarden has brought in his casual poor's bill amounting to 17s. 5d. and ordered to be paid. [9]

The opposite table of fees or church dues agreed on at a vestry on 9 May 1773 [was] exhibited before us Peter Calvert LL.D., surrogate of the right worshipful Geo. Hay LL.D. dean or commissary of the deaneries of the Arches, London, Shoreham and Croydon (the peculiar and immediate jurisdiction of the cathedral and metropolitical Church of Christ, Canterbury), and we, having perused the same, approve and allow thereof and have caused the same to be entered in the registry of the deanery of Croydon. Subscribed and sealed 11 Sept. 1773. Peter Calvert surrogate.

265 [p. 208] Wed. 22 Sept. 1773. The following put in nomination to be presented to the bench of justices for them to choose 2 or more of them to serve surveyors: Sam Rush, B. Hays, Wi. Southouse, Wi. Lawrence and Corbyn Morris Esqs., Th. Watney, Jo. Carter, Wi. Boddicoat, Wi. Gonston, Wi. Chainey.

¹ S.R.O. P5/3/78 is a copy of this decision endorsed with the approval of the surrogate of the dean of the Arches etc. and sealed with the seal of the official principal of the deanery of the Arches, which is described in the document as the seal of the deanery of Croydon. See below no. 264.

² A note added in Wi. Jennings's hand, referring to the first part of the minute.

266 [p. 209] Sunday 3 Oct. 1773. Wi. Gonston late churchwarden has brought in his accounts and on balance there remains due to the accountant £1 17s. 5½d. and is ordered to be paid. Jo. Edwards and Ri. Peacock late overseers have brought in their accounts and on balance there remains due to the accountants £9 14s. 1¾d. [12]

267 [p. 210] Sunday 28 Nov. 1773. In case Sir Ri. Hotham Knt should lay an indictment against this parish for repairing and amending 'Iron Mill Lane' leading from the turnpike road between Tooting and Merton opposite to Sir Ri. Hotham's house at Merton to the common fields called 'South field' in Wandsworth and across the said common fields *to the turnpike road from Wandsworth to Kingston and the[n] coming out of 'South field' into the said turnpike road opposite to the Rose and Crown in Wandsworth, and if any such indictment should be preferred against Wimbledon and Wandsworth parishes or either of them, then we unanimously agree*¹ to defend the indictment jointly with Wandsworth and all expenses arising shall be at the expense of Wimbledon jointly with Wandsworth. The following are appointed a committee for preparing and managing the evidence on the part of this parish jointly with a committee to be appointed by Wandsworth, and for employing an attorney to conduct this cause, viz. Wi. Lawrance Esq., Corbyn Morris Esq., Ch. Newsham Pigott, Wi. Rose, Dan. Watney, Edw. Winchester, Sam. Mason, Jo. Edwards, Th. Godard.

Wi. Watney churchwarden has brought in his casual poor's bill amounting to £9 4s. and ordered to be paid. [24]²

268 [p. 211] Sunday 27 Feb. 1774. A rate granted for the necessary repairs of the church from L.D. 1773 to L.D. 1774 at 2d. in the pound. A rate granted for the necessary relief of the poor for half a year from Mich. 1773 to L.D. 1774 at 1s. 6d. in the pound. [14]

269 Tues. 5 Apr. 1774. The following appointed churchwardens : Jo. Martin, Jo. Carter. The following put into nomination to be presented to the bench of justices for them to choose 2 or more of them to serve overseers : Jo. Humphrey, Jo. Watney, Sam. Mason, Edw. Winchester, Wi. Rose, Dan. Watney, Ja. Jennings.

Jo. Humphry late constable has brought in his bill and is ordered to be paid amounting to £1 4s. 4d.

Ja. Jennings to be continued master of the workhouse at £20 p.a. [15]

270 [p. 212] Sunday 26 June 1774, after morning service, public notice of the meeting having been given. [21]

The following noblemen, gentlemen and other parishioners charged with payments to the poor's rate are constituted a committee for inspecting the management of the poor of this parish, and they are desired to hold a constant meeting for this purpose at 11 o'clock every Monday morning at the school-house, or at such other times and places as they see fit to appoint. Their first meeting is adjourned from hence to the schoolhouse on Monday sevenight at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, and any 5 or more of the committee are to be a competent number for transacting business relative to the poor and poor-house. [They are] Marquis of Rockingham, Earl Spencer, Lord Chief Baron Smythe, Sir He. Banks, Sir Ri. Hotham, Rev. Mr Cooksey, Sam. Rush, Fra. Barlow,

¹ From the original minute (S.R.O. P5/3/107).

² There were 25 vestrymen present according to the original minute.

Ben. Hays, Wi. Wilberforce, Ri. Gaire, Corbyn Morris, Wi. Southouse, Wi. Lawrance, Harry Manders, Jo. Bridger, Jo. Eyles, Sam. Castell, Moses Isaac Levy, He. Drummond and Lyde Brown Esqs., Rev. Mr Bankes, Wi. Trotman, Ch. Newsham Pigott, Wi. Rose, Dan. Watney.

[p. 213] The following ladies are to be requested to give their assistance towards the due management and comfortable maintenance of the poor and to choose a committee or committees amongst themselves for this, and when any matters relative to the poor or poor-house shall appear to them worthy of new regulations or redress they will please to communicate the same to the committee of gentlemen, viz. Marchioness of Rockingham, Countess Spencer, Rt Hon. Lady Eliz. Drummond, Lady Smythe,¹ Lady Banks, Lady Hotham, Mrs Medcalf, Mrs Simons, Miss Rush, Mesdames Barlow, Hudson, Harrange² and Hays, Miss Lewis, Mesdames Lambert, Margett Hays, Wilberforce, Morris, Lawrance, Fowler, Bridger, Eyles, Levy, Castell, Belithas, Knap and Castell.

It is recommended to the overseers to lay on the second Monday of every month the accounts of the poor-house for the preceding month before the committee of gentlemen.

A copy of these resolutions is to be immediately carried by the vestry clerk to the Rt Hon. Countess Spencer, and her ladyship is to be requested to grant her countenance and patronage towards 'effectually' carrying them into execution.

271 [p. 214] Sunday 24 July 1774. Wi. Jennings vestry clerk having acquainted the meeting that his business prevents his giving that due attendance he could wish at the parish meetings and having desired to resign, his resignation of the office is accepted and at the same time he is requested to keep the books and execute the business until another vestry clerk be chosen.

A steady prudent person capable of tenderly managing the sick and infirm and instructing the young and able in works of industry, and conducting the whole with proper economy, is to be appointed mistress of the workhouse, and Lady Spencer is to be desired to recommend such a person for the choice of the parishioners.

Notice to be given in church next Sunday of a vestry to be held the Sunday following after morning service for the choice of a vestry clerk in the room of Wi. Jennings. [14]

272 [p. 215] Sunday 31 July 1774. Wi. Rose and Dan. Watney late overseers have brought in their accounts and they have been allowed, and on balance there remains due to the parish £11 6s. 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ d. which is paid to the succeeding overseers in presence of this vestry.

Ja. Jennings to go to see the condition of Jane Edmons who lives with her mother in Little Duke Street in the Mint, Southwark, who is to go out to service by application of her mother to this vestry. He is to see that she is put out to the said person³ if practicable and [she is] to be allowed such necessaries as he in his judgment shall see needful.

Messrs Mason and Carter are to prepare an estimate of the expenses necessary for repair of the belfry and lay the same before the next vestry.

Mr Jacomb on behalf of Mr Hopkins gave his consent for erecting a cottage at Townfield Gate on part of the ground of Mr Hopkins, upon condition that

¹ A cross is marked against this name.

² Altered from 'Harrance'.

³ No person has been named.

a stone with inscription denoting what quantity of land belonged to Mr Hopkins [be erected there], and the plan now produced by Mr Carter is approved of and [is to be] carried into execution forthwith. [10]

273 [p. 216] Sunday 7 Aug. 1774. Jos. Andrews master of the subscription school is elected vestry clerk during pleasure not exceeding one year from this time, at the end of which the parish will proceed to a new election either for continuing him or choosing another in his stead, and the books of accounts and of the minutes of the meetings are entrusted to his care but the bills and other vouchers are to be kept in the parish chest, the keys of which are to be constantly in the care of the churchwardens and overseers.

A meeting of the parishioners is to be had to-morrow at the schoolhouse at 12 o'clock to consider Lady Spencer's recommendation in respect to a mistress for the workhouse and what may be necessary for the repairs of the steeple, and further to examine the estimate of a new building by Lord Rockingham's. This vestry adjourned. [16]

274 [p. 217] 8 Aug. 1774. Adjournment at the schoolhouse. Corbyn Morris in the chair. [9 excluding the chairman]

Miss Lewis reported that in pursuance of a letter she had received from Lady Spencer she had seen Ann Staples, a person recommended by her ladyship for the office of mistress to the workhouse, who seemed willing to accept but had this day wrote to Miss Lewis to decline it, of which Miss Lewis is desired to acquaint Lady Spencer.

The estimate for repairs of the steeple not being completed and signed by the workmen the consideration of the repairs is deferred till this day sevenight.

Received plans and estimates from Mr Jennings bricklayer and Mr Carter carpenter for building a cottage at Townfield Gate for a poor family, the joint expense of which is about £41. They are authorised to begin immediately upon the building.

275 [p. 218] Sunday 28 Aug. 1774. A rate granted for the necessary relief of the poor for half a year from L.D. last to Mich. at 1s. in the pound.

Wi. Watney and Jo. Martin late churchwardens have brought in their account and on balance there remains due to the accountants £2 6s. 11½d.

Edw. Clarke and family shall be put into possession of the cottage at the Town Field Gate during pleasure. [9]

276 [p. 219] Sunday 11 Sept. 1774. [10]

Resolved unanimously that for the better taking the general sense of the parishioners at vestry meetings and for affording opportunities for the greatest number to be present, all such meetings be appointed to be held on Sundays in the vestry of the church immediately after morning service, subject to be adjourned from thence as the parishioners then present agree.

Sam. Mason, who has produced the particulars of the work necessary to be done for repairing the steeple and delivered in an estimate of the expense thereof as underwritten, is authorised to proceed to make such repairs without delay, and the whole work when completed is to be surveyed and examined if required for the satisfaction of the parishioners.

Adjourned to the schoolhouse to Monday sevenight 19 Sept., to consider matters respecting the poor and poor-house.

Signed [by all present].

[p. 220] Account of the different articles wanted in repairing the church steeple. 2 girders of fir each 13 ft long, 9 in. by 8, to support. Braces and carriages 140 ft, 7 in. by 5, fir. To filling in quarters where wanting 200 ft, 4 in. [by] 3, fir. To 3 squares of whole deal flooring. To $7\frac{1}{4}$ squares of weather boarding. To 50 ft of 6 inch cornice. To 12 iron bolts and 10 plates to ditto and nails. To spikes and nails for the above. To leading the bottom next the tiling. To 236 yd of painting. To labour to the above.

Estimate of the expense attending the above materials.

To taking down the old weather boarding and putting up new. To putting in new braces and quarters where wanted. To repairing the frame where the bells hang. To putting in 2 new pieces of timber across to strengthen the floor. To laying a new whole deal floor in the middle loft. To find all iron bolts and plates that shall be wanting. To make good the lead works next the tiling. To paint the weather boarding three times over. To find all scaffolding stuff and to complete the whole in a workmanlike manner, the old materials being used as far as they will go, will amount to £47 1s. 6d.

277 [p. 221] 19 Sept. 1774. Adjournment at the schoolhouse. Corbyn Morris surveyor of the highways in the chair. [7 excluding the chairman]¹

Resolved unanimously that it may be an eligible method of providing for the poor to agree with a prudent steady person for the maintenance of them in every respect (except clothing) at a certain fixed weekly price upon a medium in the poor-house, subject to the constant inspection and direction of the overseers and of the committee appointed for superintending the poor and poor-house. Notice is to be given on Sunday of a vestry meeting to be held on Sunday sevenight after morning service for receiving the proposals of any persons who shall offer to maintain the poor in the workhouse according to these terms. These resolutions are to be communicated to the Rt Hon. Lady Spencer and she is to be acquainted that the parishioners will not proceed to choose or agree with any person till they are favoured with her ladyship's sentiments.

Signed [by all present].

278 [p. 222] Thurs. 22 Sept. 1774. The following put in nomination to be presented to the bench of justices that they may appoint 2 or more of them to serve the office of surveyors: Wi. Lawrence, Corbyn Morris, Wi. Southouse, Ri. Gaire and Lyde Brown Esqs., Th. Watney, Wi. Gonston, Wi. Chainey, Jo. Humphries, Ch. Newsham Pigott. [10]

Jo. Martin having produced 3 bills paid by him in the course of his duty, the said bills, having passed the approbation of the vestry, are to be paid by Edw. Winchester overseer, viz. Godard's bill 11s. 5d., Palmer's £1 12s. 6d., casual expenses £1 4s. 4d. Total £3 8s. 3d.

Signed [by 11 vestrymen].

279 [p. 223] Sunday 9 Oct. 1774. [16]

Corbyn Morris and Ch. Newsham Pigott surveyors exhibited a state of their accompt for the last year which was approved and signed by a majority of the parishioners present.²

For the better economy in the management of the articles consumed in the poor-house as well as for the more tender nursing of the sick therein, and par-

¹ The names of Mesdames Morris, Bridger and Fowler are struck off the list of those present.

² From the original minute (S.R O. P5/3/86).

ticularly for the due instruction of the younger female part thereof in household work, the poor are to be put under the care of a prudent steady woman to be appointed mistress of the poor-house under the constant direction and support of the overseers and the committee chosen on 26 June. Ja. Jennings master of the poor-house is to be discharged as soon as a mistress is appointed, and in case his conduct at leaving be found right by the committee he shall be paid by the overseers his whole salary for the quarter in which he shall be discharged.

Adjourned to Monday sevenight at 11 o'clock at the schoolhouse to consider a proper person to be chosen mistress of the poor-house, such choice to be afterwards confirmed at a meeting in the vestry.

Signed [*by 13 vestrymen*].

280 [*p. 224*] 17 Oct. 1774. An adjourned parish meeting at the schoolhouse. Corbyn Morris in the chair. [*10 excluding the chairman*]¹

Mrs Sarah Hayball having offered herself for mistress of the poor-house and appearing upon a personal examination before this meeting to be duly qualified, and having further referred this meeting to credible persons for testimonies of her good character, is (conditionally that the testimonies be found satisfactory) appointed mistress of the poor-house at a constant salary of £10 p.a. with half a guinea for every child put out apprentice from this poor-house or put out to service, and [she is to] continue therein during one year after her entry into this office. She is to receive no other advantage whatsoever and to be subject to be discharged at any time upon one month's notice. The appointment with the testimonies which shall be produced are to be laid before the parishioners in the vestry on Sunday next after morning service for confirmation in case the testimonies are found satisfactory. She is to be subject to such regulations and directions as the committee for superintending the poor and poor-house chosen on 26 June, or any 5 of them, with the overseers or either of them, shall from time to time see fit to appoint. The committee and overseers are authorised to put her into possession of the office after the choice of her shall have been confirmed. The ladies whose assistance in the management of the poor and poor-house was requested by the vestry of 26 June are to be earnestly desired to grant their countenance and support to the said mistress of the poor-house in the due execution of her office.

281 [*p. 225*] 23 Oct. 1774. [*10*]

Upon full consideration of the testimonies produced in support of the character of Mrs Sarah Hayball conditionally chosen on 17 inst. mistress of the poor-house, the choice of her is confirmed and she is to be put in possession of this office on Mon. 31 inst.

Signed [*by all present*].

282 [*p. 226*] 31 Oct. 1774. Adjourned vestry meeting for putting Mrs Sarah Hayball in possession of the office of mistress of the poor-house. Jo. Bridger in the chair. [*9 excluding the chairman*]²

The committee not obtaining from Mr Winchester one of the overseers, who has acted for the last half-year, an inventory of the goods belonging to the parish in the poor-house, such an inventory was immediately taken by Jo. Martin

¹ The names of Mesdames Morris, Fowler, Bridger, Margaret Hays and Herron are struck off the list of those present.

² The names of Mesdames Lawrence, Morris, Bridger, Margaret Hays, Fowler and Herron are struck off the list of those present.

churchwarden and Jo. Watney overseer, assisted by Dan. Watney, Th. Watney and Sam. Mason, and the committee in a body repaired to the poor-house and Ja. Jennings master being paid by Jo. Watney £5, being his salary to Christmas, he was discharged from the office and Mrs Sarah Hayball was put in possession of the same and of the goods in the poor-house by the inventory.¹

283 [p. 227] 26 Nov. 1774. [10]

An inventory of goods in and belonging to the poor-house is to be deposited in the hands of the overseers to be delivered to their successors, and another inventory is to be constantly kept by the mistress of the poor-house.

The thanks of the meeting are to be communicated (by the overseers) to the ladies for their attention and care in inspecting the poor in the poor-house and overseeing the conduct of the mistress, and they are to be desired to continue the same.

284 1 Jan. 1775. An appeal having been lodged by the parish of Mitcham against this parish for the removal of Jane Mitchell and her 3 illegitimate children from hence to Mitcham, Mr Rowsell is to have orders to defend the same.² [6]

285 [p. 228] 29 Jan. 1775. [17]

The following additional rules are established for the government of the workhouse :

The mistress or matron is to rise early and to appear soon after in a decent clean dress amongst the poor under her management, and to see that the orders and directions prescribed for their conduct be duly observed, taking care to behave with kindness and tenderness towards them *and to avoid all hasty and passionate language, particularly calling any of the poor by harsh or reproachful names,*³ on every occasion.

The poor are to behave with constant respect to the matron and attentively obey her directions without entering into dispute or argument with her on any subject.

No poor person is to send for medicines or goods of any kind whatsoever to be brought to the workhouse, all which are to be ordered by the churchwardens or overseers or by the matron under their direction.

Upon any debate or noise they are every one of them immediately to become silent at the order of the matron and not to contradict her upon any occasion, taking care to avoid indecent and abusive language and all mocking and scoffing at each other, but upon any ground of complaint they may lay the same before one of the churchwardens or overseers.

Such of the poor as shall be guilty of any of the offences above mentioned shall be debarred by the matron from their next meal and where the offence is such as ought not to be slightly passed over immediate complaint shall be made thereof by the matron to the overseers who shall cause the offender to be duly punished without delay.

No person shall be admitted into the workhouse to be maintained there without an order in writing from a churchwarden or overseer delivered to

¹ The original minute was signed by the chairman only (S.R.O. P5/3/89).

² The appeal was upheld at Surrey Epiph. General Q.S. and the removal order quashed (S.R.O. Q.S. 2/1/23, p. 633). An account of Wimbledon's legal expenses in this matter is printed in Appendix III*d*.

³ This phrase was struck out of the draft minutes (S.R.O. P5/3/92).

the matron, and such poor persons shall at their admission, or as soon after as possible, deliver up all their goods and effects to the overseers for the benefit of the parish, and they are not to have any box, drawer or other receptacle under lock and key, but may each of them receive from the matron a proper box belonging to the workhouse with a lid thereto for holding their linen and wearing apparel, which boxes are to be continually open to the inspection of the matron whenever she sees proper.

[p. 229] All poor persons are diligently to perform to the utmost of their power any work allotted them at any place in this parish by the churchwardens or overseers, the whole profits arising from which are to be paid for the benefit of the parish to the overseers who may, if they see proper, allot any sum not exceeding one sixth of the profits to such grown poor persons, for their own use, by whose labour the same has been produced, as a reward for their industry.

The churchwardens and overseers are admonished and warned not to relieve any persons admitted into the workhouse out of the money assessed for the poor's rate except such as wear upon the shoulder of the right sleeve of their uppermost garment a badge as prescribed by the act of 8 & 9 William 3 cap. 30, and upon every neglect of this branch of their duty they are liable to be prosecuted for the same as the law directs.

The foregoing rules written in a fair legible hand are to be affixed in a conspicuous place in the workhouse and the same are to be publicly read by the matron on the first Sunday in every month, or oftener if she shall see fit, to the poor under her management.

A bill of expenses of 14s. offered by Mr Goddard relative to the militia passed the approbation of the vestry and an order given for the payment thereof.

286 Sunday 26 Feb. 1775. [8]

A rate granted for the necessary relief of the poor for half a year from Mich. last to L.D. at 1s. in the pound.

Signed [by 7 vestrymen].

287 [p. 230] Sunday 2 Apr. 1775. [9]

A rate granted for the necessary repairs of the church, steeple and other expenses for the church at 8d. in the pound from L.D. 1774 to L.D. 1775.

Signed [by all present].

288 Tues. 18 Apr. 1775, notice previously given in church.

The following appointed churchwardens : Jo. Carter, Ben. Hays Esq. The following put in nomination and presented to the bench of justices for their choice of 2 or more of them to serve the office of overseers : Jo. Bridger, Corbyn Morris and Harry Mander Esqs., Ch. Newsham Pigott, Jo. Humphries, Jo. Watney.

Jo. Martin's casual bill of £7 2s. 10d. passed and ordered payment. [20]

289 [p. 231] Sunday 30 Apr. 1775, notice previously given in church. Called to consider the prosecution brought by Sir Ri. Hotham against the parishioners of this and Wandsworth parish and on business relating to the workhouse. Adjourned to Monday next at 11 o'clock in the forenoon at the schoolhouse. The committee appointed on Sir Ri. Hotham's prosecution with such of the parishioners who think fit to be present are to meet at Mr Winchester's on Saturday next at 5 o'clock in the afternoon, and a state of the case and what

proceedings have been had thereon is to be then laid before them to determine upon the most proper manner of defending the parish.

Jo. Martin late churchwarden's casual bill passed and ordered for payment, the amount whereof is £3 6s. 6d. [15]

290 [p. 232] Mon. 1 May 1775. Adjournment to the schoolhouse, Corbyn Morris in the chair. [10 excluding the chairman]

Eliz. Narrowway, who has been guilty of very disorderly behaviour particularly in terrifying the children and going out of the workhouse from time to time without leave, having (upon being reprimanded publicly by the committee) offered to leave the workhouse, is to be this day dismissed from it accordingly.

In consideration of the diligence and good conduct of Mrs Hayball matron of the workhouse £2 p.a. is allotted to her as an addition to her salary of £10 p.a. to commence this day.

The churchwardens and overseers are to see that some proper part of the workhouse is fitted up and reserved for any of the poor who may be sick or unfit to be lodged with the other poor.

Signed only by the chairman Corbyn Morris with his initials only.

291 [p. 233] Sunday 28 May 1775, pursuant to notice given. This vestry being held to consider the prosecution commenced by Sir Ri. Hotham and it appearing that he has indicted this parish and Wandsworth separately, this parish is not to join with Wandsworth in the charges attending the defence notwithstanding the resolution of 28 Nov. 1773 to the contrary when it was apprehended the 2 parishes were to be jointly prosecuted.¹ [13]

292 Sunday 11 June 1775, pursuant to notice given in church the preceding Sabbath day.

As the accompts for last year are not brought in by the overseers this meeting is adjourned to the schoolhouse on Mon. 26 inst. when the overseers for last year are desired to prepare and lay their accompts before that meeting at 11 o'clock. [8]

293 [p. 234] Mon. 26 June 1775, adjournment to the schoolhouse. Corbyn Morris in the chair. [11 excluding the chairman]

1s. in the pound to be assessed for the poor's rate for the half-year from L.D. last to Mich.

C.M., W.L., S.R., W.S., M.I.L.²

294 Sunday 17 Sept. 1775. [14]

Edw. Winchester and Jo. Watney late overseers having brought in their accompts the same have been allowed, and on balance there remains due to the parish £6 os. ¼d. which is paid to the present overseers in the presence of this vestry.

Mr Carter's bill on casualty poor's account being £5 8s. was paid in the presence of this vestry.

Signed [by all present].

295 [p. 235] Fri. 22 Sept. 1775. [15]

The following put in nomination and returned to the bench of justices for

¹ See King's Bench Roll, Crown side, Trinity 15 Geo. III, Public Record Office K.B. 28/294, ro. 12, 13.

² Copy initials of Morris, Lawrence, Rush, Southouse, and Levy.

their appointment of 2 or more of them to serve the office of surveyors : Corbyn Morris, Sam. Rush, Wi. Southouse, Jo. Bridger and Ri. Gaire Esqs., Th. Watney, Wi. Gonston, Sam. Mason, Jo. Edwards, Wi. Everatt.

Signed by all the gentlemen present.

296 Wed. 11 Oct. 1775. [8]

Th. Jeffries beadle having applied for clothes, and his want thereof and other necessities appearing to this vestry he is to be allowed such as usually were given him.

Signed [*by all present*].

297 [*p. 236*] Sunday 29 Oct. 1775. [6]

Jo. Rowsell, attorney in the defence of this parish against the indictment brought by Sir Ri. Hotham, is to be paid by Ch. Newsham Pigott £60 in part of his bill, and the remainder of the balance, £8 14s. 11d., in Mr Pigott's hands is to be paid to Th. Watney surveyor.¹

Signed [*by all present*].

298 Sunday 25 Feb. 1776, pursuant to notice given in church the preceding Sabbath day. [11]

A rate granted for the necessary relief of the poor for half a year from Mich. 1775 to L.D. 1776 at 1s. in the pound to be assessed on the parishioners &c.

Signed [*by all present*].

299 [*p. 237*] Sunday 3 March 1776. [11]

Jo. Martin having laid before the vestry his accompts as senior churchwarden for 1775 the same were approved, and the balance due to the parish being £1 8s. 2½d. was ordered to be paid to Jo. Carter senior churchwarden.

Jo. Carter having offered a bill on account of casual poor amounting to £10 11s. 6d. the same is to be repaid him by the overseers.

Signed [*by all present*].

300 [*p. 238*] Tues. 9 Apr. 1776, notice given in church 31 March. [19]

The following appointed churchwardens : Ben. Hays Esq., Wi. Rose. Mr Cookesey having nominated Wi. Rose for one of the churchwardens the vestry confirmed the nomination. The following put in nomination and returned to the bench of justices for their appointment of 2 or more of them to serve the office of overseers : Wi. Lawrence, Sam. Rush and Ri. Gaire Esqs., Jo. Humphry, Sam. Mason, Jo. Watney.

Mr Cookesey having intimated his desire that every christening and burial may duly be registered by the clerk as they occur and that the clerk transmit such register to him at the end of each month, the same is ordered.

A rate granted at 1s. in the pound to defray the expenses of repairing and making good 'Dunfords Lane' and other highways belonging to this parish.

Signed [*by 7 vestrymen*].

301 [*p. 239*] Sunday 21 Apr. 1776, notice given in church 14 inst. [15]

Read a proposal from Sir Ri. Hotham in a letter to Corbyn Morris surveyor dated 30th of last month for settling the compensation to be made him for new hedging and fencing that part of 'Dunfords Lane' from Merton Road to 'Hayden's Farm'. Before any answer be given a case is to be stated for the

¹ The attorney's name is given as John Wace in the King's Bench record of this action. See note to no. 291.

opinion of counsel how far it falls upon this parish to be at the expense of widening and repairing this part of 'Durnfords Lane' which has hitherto been repaired and kept in order by Sir Ri. Hotham and other occupiers of the lane. Mr Taylour is to be employed as the attorney and Mr Lawrence as the counsel for the parish in this matter.

Signed [*by 10 vestrymen*].

302 [*p. 240*] Sunday 28 Apr. 1776.

[11]

Adjourned to Sam. Mason's at the Rose and Crown on Wednesday next 1 May at 6 o'clock in the evening.

303 Wed. 1 May 1776, adjournment to Mr Mason's at the Rose and Crown.

[12]

Messrs Coleman, Newton and Cuffley calico printers near the Copper Mill Company's bridge at Wimbledon attended and proposed and agreed to allow a temporary bridge to be thrown from 'South Sea Barn Field' over the river Wandle into 'Iron Mill-Field' belonging to the said calico printers, and to allow a passage from this bridge through their field into 'Potters Field', the nearest way to 'Garrett Green' for the carts to go backwards and forwards carrying gravel for repairing 'Durnfords Lane', provided full satisfaction (such as shall be awarded by 3 indifferent persons) be made to them by the parish for every damage and inconvenience brought upon the calico printers. This meeting agrees to the proposal and the surveyors are empowered from time to time to make such satisfaction, previously communicating the same to the vestry and having their approbation. A fair copy of this resolution is to be delivered by the vestry clerk to Messrs Coleman, Newton and Cuffley with the thanks of this meeting for the accommodation they have so readily granted to the parish.

304 [*p. 241*] Sunday 21 July 1776.

[12]

The surveyors acquainted the meeting that very pressing applications had been made to them by Sir Ri. Hotham for repairing that part of 'Durnford's Lane' which extends from 'Heyden's Farm' to the Epsom Road, and that, to prevent damage to carriages, they had caused the ruts in that part of the lane to be levelled with a declaration at the same time to Sir Richard that this occasional repair was not to prejudice the rights of the parish. Mr Rousell, attorney for the parish on their late trial with Sir Richard Hotham in regard to the other part of this lane, declared that by the late decision in the Court of King's Bench 'Durnford's Lane' was adjudged to be a highway and that part of it which was indicted was ordered to be repaired by the parishes of Wandsworth and Wimbledon respectively for such portions as lay within each of them, and the other part of the lane in this parish, not yet indicted but now complained of, appeared to him to be clearly determined by the said decision and equally subject to be repaired by this parish, unless any particular specialty or condition of tenure of the lands adjoining expressly subjecting the tenants to the burthen of this repair could be proved and which there did not appear any foundation for alleging. Upon consideration whereof and of other matters debated the surveyors are authorised to repair the remaining part of 'Durnfords Lane' in this parish now complained of and, if the lane be required to be widened, to make an agreement with Sir Ri. Hotham for completing the whole in the manner they judge best in behalf of this parish.

It being represented and confirmed by the overseers that some additional

allotment is requisite to be made to Mrs Hayball matron of the workhouse for her more comfortable support, an annual allowance of £1 is added to her salary of £12 from Midsummer last.

The original draft of these minutes was signed by all present.

305 [p. 242] Sunday 18 Aug. 1776. [9]

Jo. Bridger and Jo. Humphry late overseers having exhibited a state of their accompt for the year commencing Easter 1775 and ending at Easter 1776 the same was allowed, and the balance due to Humphry being £14 10s. 7½d. is to be allowed him in his next accompt, he being also overseer for the ensuing year.

Rt Hon. Lord Spencer having been generously pleased to offer his grant of a piece of ground for enlarging the churchyard (which enlargement is much wanted), and the said ground having been staked out by his order, including part of the road contiguous and leading to the churchyard, particularly described in the plan and admeasurement at the end of this minute,¹ the thanks of this vestry are to be given him for his kind donation and to declare their grateful acceptance. Steps are to be taken to annex the ground to the churchyard and a committee is appointed for that purpose, namely Rev. Mr Cooksey, Sam. Rush, Wi. Lawrence, Corbyn Morris, Jo. Bridger and Wi. Southouse Esqs., Messrs Pigott, Mason, Jennings and Edwards with the churchwardens, overseers and surveyors for the time being, any 5 of which committee are authorised to manage the business.

Adjourned till to-morrow at half past 6 at the house of Mr Mason when and where the committee are also to meet upon the business of the churchyard.

The original draft of the minutes was signed by [8 vestrymen].

306 [p. 243] Mon. 19 Aug. 1776, adjourned vestry and meeting of the committee at Mr Mason's (the Rose and Crown). [10]

The plan and admeasurement of the ground to be added to the churchyard with an estimate of the expense of pulling down the old wall and building a new wall to inclose the additional ground (£26 18s. 6d.) being laid before this committee, further consideration is adjourned to this day sevenight at this house at half past 6.

The overseers' accompt passed at yesterday's vestry was re-examined and confirmed at this meeting.

The original draft of the minutes was signed by all present, Mr Cooksey only excepted.

307 Mon. 26 Aug. 1776, adjourned vestry and meeting of the committee for enlarging the churchyard at Mr Mason's (the Rose and Crown). [9]

The estimate for taking down the old wall and building the new wall produced by Wi. Terry at the last meeting being taken into further consideration, he is to begin and finish the work with all convenient speed and is to be paid for the same according to the estimate or by an admeasurement and valuation as the parishioners in vestry shall think fit. A wooden pale gate 6 ft wide and a wicket gate of 3½ ft in the clear are to be erected for the entrance through the wall to the churchyard.

The original draft of these minutes was signed by all present.

[p. 244] ² An estimate of bricklayer's work to be done for the parish of Wimbledon per Wi. Terry. 26 Aug. 1776.

¹ The plan is placed below no. 307. See Plate 3.

² See Plate 3.

To 3 rod 76 ft pulling down the old wall and cleaning the bricks at 10s. per rod, £1 13s. To $3\frac{1}{4}$ rod finding mortar and labour at £3 per rod, £9 15s. 25 yd at 5d. per yd, 10s. 6d. To 2 rod all new finding all at £7 10s. per rod, £15.

This is an estimate to build the new wall 5 ft high above and 2 ft in ground.

[*A plan of the proposed churchyard extension is here set down.*]

308 Sunday 1 Sept. 1776, notice given in church the preceding Sabbath day. [8]

A rate granted for the necessary relief of the poor for half a year from L.D. to Mich. 1776 at 1s. in the pound to be assessed on the parishioners &c.

The original draft of the minute was signed by all present.

309 [p. 245] Mon. 23 Sept. 1776, notice given in church on Sunday 15 Sept. [9]

The following put in nomination and returned to H.M. bench of justices for this county for their appointment of 2 or more of them to serve the office of surveyors: Sam. Rush, Wi. Southouse, Wi. Lawrence, Ri. Gaire and Corbyn Morris Esqs., Wi. Gonston, Edw. Winchester, Sam. Mason, Wi. Chainey, Jo. Edwards.

The original minute was signed by all present.

310 [p. 246] 24 Nov. 1776. [11]

Corbyn Morris and Th. Watney late surveyors having laid before this vestry a state of their accompt the same was allowed, the balance of which appeared to be £23 16s. 10d. due to the accomptants.

The churchwardens and overseers laid before this meeting an appeal lodged at Q.S. by Ro. Brounton Esq. on account of the rate charged on him towards the relief of the poor. An order is to be given to Jo. Rousell attorney to defend the parish against the appeal.¹

The original minute was signed by all present, Wi. Jennings and Wi. Chainey excepted.

311 12 Jan. 1777, notice previously given in church. [4]

The officers being out of town this vestry adjourned to Sunday next immediately after service.

312 [p. 247] Sunday 19 Jan. 1777, an adjourned vestry. [6]

Adjourned to next Sunday at the church.

313 26 Jan. 1777, an adjourned vestry. [8]

Jo. Carter churchwarden for 1776 having exhibited a state of his accompt the same was allowed, the balance appearing to be £6 15s. 1d. due to the accomptant. Wi. Rose churchwarden having moved for a rate to be granted to pay the balance and to defray the expenses of repairs to the church for 1777, a rate granted at 8d. in the pound to be assessed on the land and householders.

The original minute was signed by all present, Jo. Humphry excepted.

Adjourned to Sunday next immediately after service.

314 [p. 248] Sunday 2 Feb. 1777, an adjourned vestry. [9]

Adjourned to Sunday 16 Feb. Note, the adjournment set aside by order.

¹ No record of this appeal has been found in the Surrey Q.S. order books.

315 Sunday 9 March 1777, notice given in church the preceding Sunday. [9]
Adjourned to Sunday next to be held in the church.

316 [p. 249] Sunday 16 March 1777, an adjourned vestry. [10]

Sam. English appointed to dwell in the house at the gate in the road near Mr Cookesey's house and he is to be put in possession as soon as conveniently may be.

The following bills presented: Wi. Terry bricklayer, £40 19s. 6d. Sam. Mason carpenter, £10 18s. 4d. Ja. Coote blacksmith, £1 1s. 1d. Jo. Carter carpenter, £7 5s. 7d. The same are to be paid by the churchwardens.

317 Sunday 23 March 1777, notice given in church the preceding Sabbath day. [14]

Adjourned (relative to the rates for the poor and highways and the examination into the state of the workhouse) to the schoolhouse on Mon. 24 inst. at 11 o'clock in the morning.

318 [p. 250] Mon. 24 March 1777, an adjourned vestry at the schoolhouse. [13]

A rate granted for the relief of the poor at 9d. in the pound to be assessed on the inhabitants for one half-year ending at L.D. 1777. An extra rate granted for repairing the highways at 6d. in the pound for the present year.

After hearing the representations of the churchwardens and overseers concerning the disturbances in the workhouse and the misconduct both of the matron and the poor in several instances, further consideration adjourned to the workhouse on Saturday morning at 11 o'clock.¹

319 Sat. 29 March 1777, an adjourned vestry at the schoolhouse. Rt Hon. Lord Spencer in the chair. [8 *excluding the chairman*]

Upon full consideration of the state of the workhouse it appears the provisions of all kinds sent in by the officers are wholesome and good and of sufficient quantity and the poor supplied therewith by the matron in a clean orderly manner, the complaints against her being found to be groundless. It is recommended to the officers to support the matron in the just execution of her duty, particularly by enjoining the poor to be attentive and obedient to her according to regulation. The matron is strictly admonished to conduct herself with constant respect to the officers and with tenderness to the poor.

320 [p. 251] Tues. 1 Apr. 1777, notice previously given in church. [17]

The following appointed churchwardens: Wi. Rose, Corbyn Morris Esq.² The following put in nomination and returned to H.M. bench of J.P.s for their appointment of 2 or more of them to serve the office of overseers: Wi. Lawrence, Sam. Rush and Ri. Gaire Esqs., Sam. Mason, Wi. Watney, Ro. Nettleton.

Signed [*by 12 vestrymen*].

¹ This vestry is divided into 2 meetings in the original minutes with the same people present at both of them. All the men sign the first relating to the rates. The second, relating to the workhouse, is signed with the initials of Corbyn Morris only (S.R.O. P5/3/125 and 126).

² Morris and Ch. Newsham Pigott 'being put up for Churchwardens the Choice fell on Mr Morris by holding up of Hands'. This is struck out of the draft minute (S.R.O. P5/3/127).

- 321 [p. 252] Sunday 27 Apr. 1777. [8]
Adjourned to Sunday 4 May at the church.
- 322 Sunday 4 May 1777, an adjourned vestry. [6]
Adjourned to Sunday next 11 inst.
- 323 Sunday 11 May 1777, an adjourned vestry. [2]
Adjourned to Sunday sevenight 25 inst. at the church.
- 324 [p. 253] Sunday 25 May 1777, an adjourned vestry. [10]
The following bills are to be paid by Jo. Humphry being expenses on the casual poor account, viz. Ben. Hays's expense paid by Mr Rose, £17 8s. 1½d. ; do. paid by himself, £1 7s. 6d. ; Jo. Humphry's disbursements, £1 9s. 3½d. [Total] £20 4s. 11d.
- 325 Sunday 3 Aug. 1777, notice previously given in church. [7]
Settled and adjusted the accompt of Ben. Hays churchwarden for the year ending Easter 1777.
Adjourned to Sunday next.
- 326 [p. 254] Sunday 31 Aug. 1777, notice given in church the preceding Sabbath day. [11]
Wi. Lawrence and Sam. Mason overseers having moved for a rate for the necessary relief of the poor, such rate granted at 1s. in the pound to be assessed on the inhabitants for one half-year commencing L.D. and ending at Mich. 1777.¹
Adjourned to Sunday 7 Sept. immediately after morning service.
- 327 [p. 255] Sunday 7 Sept. 1777, an adjourned vestry. [7]
For compromising and putting an end to all disputes between Sir Ri. Hotham and this parish, at law or otherwise, concerning 'Durnfords Lane' leading from Wandsworth to Merton, the following terms have been proposed in writing and agreed upon the 6 Sept. between Sam. Rush and Jo. Edwards surveyors of the one part and Sir Ri. Hotham of the other, viz. the surveyors agree to pay Sir Ri. Hotham £100, one moiety thereof at Christmas next, the other at Christmas 1778, which is to be in full for certain grounds adjoining the road from Merton to Wandsworth and is to be used in widening such public highway and also all expense of hedging, ditching and fencing already set out. Which agreement now read at this vestry is confirmed and the surveyors are authorised to carry the same into execution.
Signed by [6 vestrymen].
- 328 [p. 256] Mon. 22 Sept. 1777, notice previously given in church. [11]
The following put in nomination and returned to H.M. bench of J.P.s for this county for their choice and appointment of 2 or more of them to serve the office of surveyors : Sam. Rush, Wi. Southouse, Ri. Gaire, Sam. Castill and Jos. Shrimpton Esqs., Jo. Watney, Th. Tegg, Th. Wray, Jo. Carter, Wi. Potter.
The original minute was signed by all present, Wi. Gonston excepted, and delivered into the hands of the said Wi. Gonston constable.

¹ The poor's rate book for this half-year is printed in *The Wimbledon and Merton Annual*, ed. H. v. D. B. Copeland [vol. 3] (Wimbledon, 1905), pp. 158-63. It has not survived among the parish records.

329 [p. 257] Sunday 12 Oct. 1777. [8]

Wi. Lawrence and Jo. Humphry late overseers having exhibited a state of their accompt for the year ending at Easter 1777 the same was allowed, and the balance appearing due to the parish being £13 3s. 6¼d. was then paid to Sam. Mason overseer in presence of this vestry.

330 Sunday 26 Oct. 1777. [8]

Sam. Rush, Wi. Chainey and Jo. Edwards late surveyors having exhibited a state of their accompt the same was allowed, the balance appearing due being £42 18s. ½d. to the accountants.

Signed [by all present].

331 [p. 258] 28 Dec. 1777, notice previously given in church. [10]

Adjourned to the schoolhouse on Monday next at 12 o'clock.

332 Mon. 29 Dec. 1777, an adjourned vestry at the schoolhouse. Corbyn Morris in the chair. [12 excluding the chairman]

A rate granted for the necessary repairs of the highways at 12d. in the pound.

Signed [by 8 vestrymen].

333 [p. 259] Sunday 15 March 1778, notice given in church the preceding Sabbath day. [8]

The overseers having requested a rate to be granted to them for the relief of the poor, such rate is granted at 6d. in the pound to be assessed on the inhabitants, occupiers, land &c.

The church wanting some repairs of the tiling &c. by new ripping &c. the same is to be performed by Wi. Terry and proper assistants by estimate or measure and value as the parish shall appoint.

The original minute was subscribed to by all present.

334 [p. 260] Tues. 21 Apr. 1778, notice previously given in church. [35]

The following appointed churchwardens : Corbyn Morris Esq., Ch. Newsham Pigott. The following put in nomination and returned to H.M. bench of justices for their choice and appointment of 2 or more of them to serve the office of overseers : Jo. Eyles, Ri. Gaire and Jos. Shrimpton Esqs., Wi. Watney, Wi. Gonston, Ro. Nettleton.

A rate granted at 2s. in the pound for completing 'Durnfords Lane'.

The original minutes were subscribed to by [17 vestrymen].

335 [p. 261] Sunday 12 July 1778, notice given the preceding Sabbath day in church. [13]

It appearing that Th. Jefferies is an unfit person to be beadle he is to be no longer continued, and Ja. Edmonds having offered himself is appointed to succeed him and the churchwardens are to allot him a proper hat and the usual clothing.

Signed by [8 vestrymen].

Wi. Lawrence and family are to be at liberty to sit in the pew allotted to Lord Chief Baron Smythe who has left this parish.

Signed by [9 vestrymen].

336 [p. 262] Sunday 26 July 1778, notice given in church the preceding Sabbath day. [12]

Wi. Lawrence and Sam. Mason late overseers having exhibited a state of their accompt for the year ending L.D. 1778 the same was allowed, and the

balance appearing due to the accountants being £36 9s. 9½d. was ordered to be paid them by Messrs Eyles and Watney overseers. The accompt of Wi. Rose churchwarden for the year ending L.D. 1778 was allowed, and the balance appearing due to the parish being £3 6s. 6d. was paid to Corbyn Morris the present churchwarden.

337 [p. 263] Tues. 22 Sept. 1778, notice previously given in church. [11]

The following put in nomination and returned to H.M. bench of J.P.s for the county for their appointment of 2 or more of them to serve the office of surveyors : Ri. Gaire, Wi. Southouse, Sam. Castill, Jos. Shrimpton and Ben. Bond Hopkins Esqs., Jo. Watney, Wi. Gonston, Jo. Carter, Jo. Humphry, Ro. Nettleton.

A rate granted for the necessary relief of the poor at 1s. in the pound to be assessed on the inhabitants, occupiers of land, houses, tenements &c. for the half-year commencing at L.D. last and ending at Mich.

Signed [by 10 vestrymen].

The original minute is delivered into the hands of Jo. Watney ¹ to be produced to the bench of justices.

338 [p. 264] Sunday 15 Nov. 1778, notice given in church the preceding Sabbath day. [16]

A bill of £2 4s. 2d. is to be paid to Ja. Service late constable on his producing to Wi. Watney overseer ² the particulars of his attendance at the court of Lieutenancy at Croydon and Wandsworth.

339 Sunday 27 Dec. 1778, previous notice given in church. [2]

Adjourned to the schoolhouse on Mon. 28 inst. at 12 o'clock.

340 [p. 265] Mon. 28 Dec. 1778, an adjourned vestry at the schoolhouse. Sir Ri. Hotham in the chair. [10 excluding the chairman]

Mrs Hayball attended and laid complaints against He. Potter and Wi. Cumbly for indecent and abusive behaviour to her and the women and children in the workhouse and proved the same by witnesses, whereupon the aggressors were examined and reprimanded and it was declared to them that in case a second complaint be brought against them, or either of them, they should be sent to the house of correction and punished as the law directs.

341 [p. 266] Sunday 28 Feb. 1779, notice given in church the preceding Sabbath day. [16]

It appearing that there is £5 8s. in the hands of Wi. Phipp owing to Wi. Elmes a pauper in the workhouse and that Elmes is indebted to Jo. Martin £4 19s. 6d., Phipp is to be at liberty to pay the £5 8s. to Elmes notwithstanding his being now maintained by the parish and Elmes is thereout to discharge the debt of £4 19s. 6d.

342 Sunday 21 March 1779, notice given the preceding Sabbath day. [7]

A rate granted for the necessary relief of the poor at 15d. in the pound to be assessed on the inhabitants, occupiers of houses, lands, tenements &c. for the half-year commencing at Mich. last and ending at L.D. A rate granted at 2d. in the pound to be assessed as above for the necessary repairs of the church and other expenses thereunto belonging.

¹ Watney's name replaces that of 'James Service Constable' which is struck through.

² These words were struck out of the draft minutes (S.R.O. P5/3/143).

343 [p. 267] Tues. 6 Apr. 1779, notice given in church. [24]

The following appointed churchwardens : Ch. Newsham Pigott, Wi. Lawrence Esq. The following put in nomination and returned to H.M. bench of justices for their choice and appointment of 2 or more of them to serve the office of overseers : Jo. Eyles, Ben. Hays and Jos. Shrimpton Esqs., Wi. Watney, Wi. Gonston, Ro. Nettleton.

Note, the original minute was delivered to Wi. Watney to be laid before the bench.

344 [p. 268] Sunday 18 Apr. 1779, notice given in church the preceding Sabbath day. [13]

A rate being requested for the repairs of the roads at 9*d.* in the pound, for the further consideration thereof this vestry is adjourned to the schoolhouse at 11 o'clock on Mon. 26 inst.

345 Mon. 26 Apr. 1779, an adjourned vestry at the schoolhouse. [12]

A rate granted for repairs of the roads at 9*d.* in the pound to be assessed on the inhabitants, occupiers of houses, lands &c.

346 [p. 269] Sunday 1 Aug. 1779, notice given in church the preceding Sabbath day. [11]

The accompt of Sam. Rush, Jo. Watney and Wi. Potter surveyors for the year ending Mich. 1778 was allowed and subscribed to by all present.

347 Sunday 8 Aug. 1779. [9]

Adjourned to Sunday 15 inst. in the church immediately after morning service.

348 Sunday 15 Aug. 1779, an adjourned vestry. No attendance.

349 [p. 270] Wed. 22 Sept. 1779, notice given in church. [10]

The following put in nomination and returned to H.M. bench of J.P.s for the county for their appointment of 2 or more of them to serve the office of surveyors : Ri. Gaire, Wi. Southouse, Sam. Castill, Jos. Shrimpton and Ben. Bond Hopkins Esqs., Wi. Everatt, Th. Wray, Jo. Humphry, Wi. Gonston, Sam. Mason.

Signed [by 8 vestrymen].

350 [p. 271] Sunday 24 Oct. 1779, notice given in church the preceding Sabbath day. [4]

A rate granted for the necessary relief of the poor at 12*d.* in the pound to be assessed on the inhabitants, occupiers of houses, lands, tenements &c. for the half-year commencing at L.D. last and ending at Mich.

Jo. Kent to be obliged to pay to this parish 40*s.* for expenses relative to a bastard child of his by Ann Worsher, or to be summoned to the bench of justices for default.

351 [p. 272] Sunday 19 March 1780, notice given in church the preceding Sabbath day. [7]

Jo. Eyles and Wi. Watney overseers having exhibited a state of their accompt for the year ending at L.D. 1779 the same was allowed, and the balance appearing due to the accountants being £21 19*s.* 7½*d.* is carried to the credit of their accompt for the succeeding year.

A rate granted for the necessary relief of the poor at 1*s.* in the pound to be

assessed on the inhabitants, occupiers of houses, lands, tenements &c. for the half-year commencing at Mich. last and ending at L.D.

Mr Pigott churchwarden's casual poor's bill amounting to £24 7s. 8½d. to be paid by the overseers.

352 [p. 273] Tues. 28 March 1780, notice given in church the preceding Sabbath day. [13]

The following appointed churchwardens : Ch. Newsham Pigott, Th. Watney. The following put in nomination and returned to H.M. bench of J.P.s for their appointment of 2 or more of them to serve the office of overseers : Ben. Bond Hopkins, Sam. Castill and Jos. Shrimpton Esqs., Wi. Gonston, Wi. Everatt, Th. Tegg. The following put in nomination and returned to the next general Q.S. for their appointment of one of them to serve the office of constable for the year ensuing : Ri. Peacock, Dan. Parker, Ja. Stent.¹

The pew in the church late in the occupation of the late Rev. Mr Jo. Cooksey minister is allotted to Rev. Mr Randolph present minister for his own use.

353 [p. 274] 9 July 1780, notice given in church the preceding Sabbath day. To enquire into the cause of the dismissal of Mrs Hayball from being mistress of the workhouse. [28]

By a great majority of hands held up the conduct of the officers in dismissing her was approved and her discharge was confirmed.

354 [p. 275] Fri. 22 Sept. 1780, notice previously given in church. [11]

The following put in nomination and returned to H.M. bench of J.P.s for the county for their appointment of 2 or more of them to serve the office of surveyors : Ri. Gaire, Wi. Southouse, Sam. Castill, Jos. Shrimpton and Ben. Bond Hopkins Esqs., Th. Wray, Jo. Humphry, Sam Mason, Th. Tegg, Wi. Jennings.

A rate granted for the relief of the poor at 1s. in the pound commencing at L.D. last and ending at Mich.²

355 [p. 276] Sunday 1 Apr. 1781, notice given in church the preceding Sabbath day. [9]

A rate granted for the necessary relief of the poor at 15d. in the pound to be assessed on the inhabitants, occupiers of houses, lands, tenements &c. for the half-year commencing at Mich. 1780 and ending at L.D. 1781.

Mr Pigott's casual poor bill of £24 15s. 6d. to be paid by the overseers.

Jo. Edmonds beadle to be allotted the usual clothing as soon as convenient.

356 [p. 277] Tues. 17 Apr. 1781, notice given in church the preceding Sabbath day. [17]

The following appointed churchwardens : Th. Watney, Ri. Gaire Esq. The following put in nomination and returned to H.M. bench of J.P.s for their appointment of 2 or more of them to serve the office of overseers : Geo. Bond, Ben. Bond Hopkins and Sam. Castill Esqs., Ro. Nettleton, Th. Withem, Wi. Jennings.

The time of divine service on Sunday evenings to be altered from 4 o'clock in the afternoon to three.

¹ The names of Peacock gardener, Parker wheelwright and Stent gardener were submitted to Q.S. and Parker was appointed (S.R.O. Q.S. Bundle Mich. 1780).

² The assessment of this rate is printed in Appendix IIIf.

357 [p. 278] Sunday 6 May 1781, notice given in church the preceding Sabbath day. [9]

Settled the account of Jo. Watney and Jo. Humphry late surveyors to Mich. 1779 where it appears upon the balance £45 19s. 11d. [is] due to the accountants.

358 20 May 1781, notice given in church the preceding Sabbath day. [4]

There being so small a number of parishioners present the business postponed to the next vestry on Sunday 27 inst.

359 [p. 279] Sunday 27 May 1781, notice given in church the preceding Sabbath day. [10]

Jo. Eyles and Wi. Watney overseers for the year ending L.D. 1780 having exhibited a state of their accompt the same was allowed, and the balance appearing due to the accomptants being £29 10s. 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ d. was ordered to be paid by Wi. Gonston and Wi. Everatt succeeding overseers.

A rate granted for the repair of the roads and highways at 6d. in the pound to be assessed on the occupiers of houses, lands &c.

Rev. Herbert Randolph, Sam. Rush, Geo. Bond, Wi. Southouse and Ben. Bond Hopkins Esqs., Ch. Newsham Pigott, Wi. Rose, Jo. Watney, Jo. Edwards and Wi. Gonston are appointed auditors to examine all accompts of the churchwardens, overseers and surveyors, and 5 or more of them are from time to time to exhibit a report thereof under their hands at such vestry as shall be held by due notice to consider and confirm such report if the inhabitants in vestry approve thereof. N.B. an 'additioner' number of auditors are added 24 June 1782.

360 [p. 280] Sunday 24 June 1781, notice given in church the preceding Sabbath day. [8]

Adjourned to Sunday next, and the committee appointed 27 May last is to be summoned to meet at the Rose and Crown on Friday at 11 in the forenoon to examine the account of the surveyors, and the late overseers are to be desired to attend with their accounts.

361 Sunday 29¹ July 1781, notice given in church the preceding Sabbath day. [9]

Adjourned to Wed. 1 Aug. at 10 o'clock in the morning at the Rose and Crown.

362 [p. 281] Wed. 1 Aug. 1781, an adjourned vestry at the Rose and Crown. [9]

Mr Everatt is to be required to give in his account as overseer for the last half-year and if he refuses he is to be obliged by law so to do. N.B. delivered a true copy of the above minute to Mr Everatt 3 Aug. 1781. J.A.²

A rate granted for the necessary relief of the poor at 1s. 9d. in the pound to be assessed on the inhabitants, occupiers of houses, lands, tenements &c. for the half-year commencing at L.D. and ending at Mich. 1781.

363 26 Aug. 1781, notice given in church the preceding Sabbath day. [10]

Adjourned to the Dog and Fox on Mon. 27 inst. at 11 o'clock in the morning. The vestry clerk is to give notice to Wi. Everatt to attend with his account as

¹ The vestry book has 26 July, but the original minute gives the correct date (S.R.O. P5/3/165).

² The monogram of Jos. Andrews vestry clerk.

overseer for the half-year ending L.D. 1781. N.B. Notice was given in writing by the clerk to Mr Everatt 26 Aug. 1781.

364 [p. 282] 27 Aug. 1781, an adjourned vestry at the Dog and Fox. [8]

As Wi. Everatt has neglected to deliver in his account as overseer for the last half-year ending at L.D. 1781, he is to be proceeded against according to law and Mr Rowsell attorney at law is to be employed to write to Everatt.

Mr Pigott late churchwarden having laid before this vestry a state of the accounts of himself and colleagues for 3 years past ending at the visitation 1781 the same was examined with the vouchers, the balance whereof appears to be £9 15s. 4d. due to the accountants. The same was allowed.

365 [p. 283] Sat. 22 Sept. 1781, notice given in church the preceding Sabbath day. [9]

The following put in nomination and returned to H.M. bench of J.P.s for the county for their appointment of 2 or more of them to serve the office of surveyors: Wi. Southouse, Sam. Castill, Th. Eden, Jo. Eyles and Jos. Hudson Esqs., Th. Wray, Wi. Jennings, Edw. Winchester, Th. Watts, Dan. Parker.

The officers are to be indemnified the expenses for carrying on the appeal to remove Th. Dewland brought here by removal in the name of Th. Brown.

Note. Signed by all present.¹

366 [p. 284] Sunday 23 Sept. 1781, notice given in church the preceding Sabbath day. [6]

A rate granted for the necessary repairs of the church or other expenses thereto belonging at 3d. in the pound to be assessed on the inhabitants, occupiers of houses, lands, tenements &c.

Note. Signed by all present.

367 Sunday 23 Dec. 1781, notice given in church the preceding Sabbath day. [14]

Adjourned to the schoolhouse on Wednesday next at 11 o'clock to audit the account of the late overseers.

Rev. Mr Randolph minister of this parish is appointed one of the committee for enlarging the churchyard in the room of the late Rev. Mr Cooksey, and Ben. Bond Hopkins and Geo. Chamberlaine are added to the committee. Further application to be made to Lord Spencer for the grant of 2 pieces of ground for that purpose.

368 [p. 285] Wed. 26 Dec. 1781, an adjourned vestry at the schoolhouse. [10]

The accompts of Wi. Gonston and Wi. Everatt late overseers for the year ending L.D. 1781 allowed.²

369³ [p. 286] Sunday 13 Jan. 1782, notice given in church the preceding Sabbath day. [17]

An accusation brought before this vestry against Ja. Edmonds beadle for receiving coals stolen out of Mr Chapman's waggon on this Common on their way to Wi. Lawrence was examined and the charge brought home to him. He was called on to make his defence when he acknowledged the fact but denied having given any consideration or gratuity for the same. In consideration of its being the first misdemeanour of that kind laid to his charge and upon his

¹ Only 8 vestrymen signed the original minute (S.R.O. P5/3/170).

² These accounts are printed in Appendix IIIg.

³ The record of this meeting was entered out of order after no. 370.

promise of future amendment, his offence was remitted and he is continued in his office.

A warrant granted by Sir Ri. Hotham was executed on Ja. Hays charged with being instrumental in the pregnancy of Hannah Jennings. Agreed nem. con. to accept 10 guineas to be paid by Wi. Hays, father to Ja. Hays, to this parish as a full compensation for the expense brought upon the parish.

370 [p. 285] Tues. 26 Feb. 1782, at the Rose and Crown, notice given in church the preceding Sabbath day. [15]

A rate granted for the necessary relief of the poor at 1s. in the pound commencing at Mich. 1781 and ending at L.D. next.

Adjourned to Mon. 25 March at the Rose and Crown at 11 o'clock in the forenoon.

371 [p. 287] Mon. 25 March 1782, at the Rose and Crown, notice given in church the preceding Sabbath day. [18]

Wi. Terry clerk is to give notice in church on Sunday that a woman is wanted as mistress or superintendent of the workhouse, to apply to Geo. Bond and Ben. Bond Hopkins overseers for further information. In case in a reasonable time no application be made the overseers are to advertise in 'the daily Advertiser' two separate periods.

372 [p. 288] Tues. 2 Apr. 1782, notice given in church the preceding Sabbath day. [14]

The following appointed churchwardens : Ri. Gaire Esq., Jo. Edwards. The following put in nomination and returned to H.M. bench of J.P.s for this county for their appointment of 2 or more of them to serve the office of overseers : Sam. Castill Esq., Jo. Martin, Geo. Chamberlain Esq., Ro. Nettleton, Wi. Jennings, Th. Godard.

373 [p. 289] Mon. 6 May 1782, at the Rose and Crown, notice given in church the preceding Sabbath day. [17]

He. Akers and Ann his wife appointed master and mistress of the workhouse at a salary of £16 p.a., to be put into possession 27 May.

A rate granted for the relief of the poor at 15d. in the pound to be assessed upon the inhabitants, occupiers of houses, lands, tenements &c. A rate granted for the paying off the arrears of the highways at 4d. in the pound.

Signed by all present, Geo. Bond, Th. Watney, Sam. Mason and Dan. Parker only excepted.

374 [p. 290] Mon. 24 June 1782, at the Rose and Crown, notice given in church the preceding Sabbath day. [9]

To the rate granted on 6 May for the arrears of the highways at 4d. in the pound [is to] be added 2d. more so that the rate may be at 6d. in the pound.

Geo. Chamberlaine and Jos. Hudson Esqs. with Sam. Mason, Wi. Watney, Wi. Jennings, Jo. Martin and Th. Watney are added to the number appointed 27 May 1781 as auditors of the several accompts belonging to this parish.

375 Sunday 14 July 1782, notice given the preceding Sabbath day in church. [7]

The accounts of Geo. Bond and Ben. Bond Hopkins late overseers being laid before this vestry the same was allowed, having been first examined with the vouchers by the auditors.

376 [p. 291] Mon. 23 Sept. 1782, notice previously given in church. [12]

The following put in nomination and returned to H.M. bench of J.P.s for the county for their appointment of 2 or more of them to serve the office of surveyors : Geo. Chamberlayne, Jo. Elyes, Th. Eden, Wi. Southouse and Wi. Wilberforce Esqs., Th. Wray, Wi. Jennings, Edw. Winchester, Th. Goddard, Ri. Peacock.

Signed by [8 vestrymen].

377 [p. 292] Sunday 13 Oct. 1782, notice given in church the preceding Sabbath day. [17]

Adjourned to the Rose and Crown on Saturday at 12 o'clock.

378 [p. 293] 19 Oct. 1782, an adjourned vestry at the Rose and Crown. [13]

This vestry taking into consideration an intended grant by the Rt Hon. Earl Spencer (at the request of the parishioners) of 2 pieces of ground for enlarging the churchyard, the thanks of the parishioners are to be returned to his lordship and every step taken for carrying the same into execution and for the consecration thereof.¹

379 Sunday 29 Dec. 1782, notice given in church the preceding Sabbath day. [8]

A rate granted for the relief of the poor at 18*d.* in the pound to be assessed upon the inhabitants, occupiers of houses, lands, tenements &c.

380. [p. 294] Sunday 16 March 1783, notice given in church the preceding Sabbath day. [10]

Adjourned to this evening at Mr Mason's the Rose and Crown at 6 o'clock.

381 Sunday 16 March 1783, an adjourned vestry at the Rose and Crown. [7]

Wid. Croucher's 2 sons are to be taken into the workhouse and the rent of her house paid.

Eliz. Garret allowed 1*s.* p.w. from this day. He. Stockbridge allowed 1*s.* p.w. and no more from the day of the date hereof.

Ro. Birkwood surgeon appointed apothecary &c. to the poor-house.

382 [p. 295] Sunday 13 Apr. 1783, notice given in church the preceding Sabbath day. [10]

Th. Watney late senior churchwarden having laid before this vestry his account for the year ending at the visitation 1782 the same was examined with the vouchers, the balance whereof appearing to be £4 14*s.* 7½*d.* due to the parish the same was allowed and the balance paid to Ri. Gaire senior churchwarden.

383 [p. 296] ² Tues. 22 Apr. 1783, notice given in church the preceding Sabbath day. [12]

The following appointed churchwardens : Jo. Edwards, Ben. Bond Hopkins Esq. The following put in nomination and returned to H.M. bench of J.P.s for this county for their appointment of 2 or more of them to serve the office of overseers : Geo. Chamberlaine Esq., Ch. Newsham Pigott, Dan. Parker, Ro. Nettleton, Wi. Jennings, Th. Watts.

A meeting of the inhabitants is to be holden at the poor-house on the first

¹ S.R.O. P5/1/254 is the conveyance of these pieces of ground from Earl Spencer to the vicar and churchwardens, 1 March 1783.

² See Plate 4.

Monday in every month in the evening to examine the expenses of the poor-house for the last month, and the overseers have notice to lay all bills contracted during the above time before the inhabitants then and there assembled. The churchwardens are to bring their casual poor bill at the same time and place for inspection and payment, and a book is to be provided and all bills entered therein and the whole of the bills are to be subject to the inspection of vestry previous to passing the year's account. And the better to enable the overseers to provide the necessary stores and provisions in the best and cheapest manner for the poor-house, a rate is to be granted within one month after the officers are appointed by the justices and a second rate within one month after Mich.

384 [p. 297] Sunday 24 Aug. 1783, notice given in church the preceding Sabbath day. Adjourned.

385 Mon. 25 Aug. 1783, an adjourned vestry at the Rose and Crown, notice given in church the preceding Sabbath day. [7]

A rate granted for the relief of the poor at 18*d.* in the pound to be assessed upon the inhabitants, occupiers of houses, lands, tenements &c.

386 [p. 298] Mon. 22 Sept. 1783, notice previously given in church. [12]

The following put in nomination and returned to H.M. bench of justices for the county for their appointment of 2 or more of them to serve the office of surveyors: Jo. Eyles, Geo. Bond, Geo. Chamberlaine, Th. Eden and Wi. Wilberforce Esqs., Ri. Peacock, Th. Wray, Wi. Jennings, Edw. Winchester, Wi. Gonston. Jo. Eyles and Ri. Peacock are to be recommended to the justices to serve the office.

Signed by [all present]. Note. The original minute left in the constable's hands.

387 [p. 299] Mon. 10 Nov. 1783, at Mr Thorn's the Dog and Fox, notice given in church 2 inst. [8]

A rate granted for the necessary repairs of the church or other expenses thereto belonging at 6*d.* in the pound to be assessed on the inhabitants, occupiers of houses, lands, tenements &c.

5 guineas and no more allowed for the churchwarden's feast on the day of visitation.

Signed by all present.

388 1 Jan. 1784, at the Rose and Crown, notice given in church the preceding Sabbath day. [14]

Audited Mr Martin's accounts for 1 year to L.D. 1783.

389 [p. 300] Sunday 11 Jan. 1784, notice given in church the preceding Sabbath day. [7]

A rate granted for the relief of the poor at 1*s.* 9*d.* in the pound to be assessed on the inhabitants, occupiers of houses, lands, tenements &c.

Ri. Gaire late senior churchwarden having laid before this vestry a state of his account for the year ending at the visitation 1783 the same was examined with the vouchers, the balance whereof appearing to be £10 2*s.* 6½*d.* due to the accountant the same was allowed. Sam. Castill and Jo. Martin late overseers having laid before this vestry a state of their account for the year ending L.D. 1783 the same was examined with the vouchers, and the balance appearing to be £4 5*s.* ¼*d.* due to the parish was paid to Ch. Newsham Pigott overseer.

390 [p. 301] Sunday 14 March 1784. [9]

Jo. Pitt having applied for relief on account of his family. . . .¹ Adjourned to Wednesday at 11 o'clock at Mr Mason's at the Rose and Crown.

391 [p. 302] Wed. 17 March 1784, an adjourned vestry at the Rose and Crown. [12]

Wid. King's arrears of rent to be paid and 1s. p.w. allowed her until further orders. Mrs Thornbury allowed £1 5s. to pay her arrears of rent.

Mr Parker's bill for the conveyance of the land contiguous to the churchyard appears very exorbitant [and] Mr Edwards is permitted to offer 25 guineas as a composition for his whole bill.

Ben. Bond Hopkins having erected a tomb within the additional burial ground lately consecrated is to be permitted to make use of the same for a burial place for himself and family upon paying the usual fee.

Mr Edward's casual poor bill amounting to £11 13s. 4d. to be paid by the overseers.

Fra. Randall allowed 15s. towards paying an apothecary's bill. 1s. p.w. allowed Ja. Clarke from Sunday last 14 March. Mr Pigott to clothe Ro. Gregory at his discretion.

392 [p. 303] Tues. 13 Apr. 1784, notice given in church the preceding Sabbath day. [15]

The following appointed churchwardens : Ben. Bond Hopkins Esq., Jo. Watney. The following put in nomination and returned to H.M. bench of J.P.s for this county for their appointment of 2 or more of them to serve overseers : Jos. Hudson and Ri. Gaire Esqs., Dan. Parker, Wi. Jennings, Ro. Nettleton, Edw. Eades.

393 [p. 304] Sunday 16 May 1784, notice given in church the preceding Sabbath day. [14]

Mr Harper apothecary's bill for the workhouse and poor amounting to £15 2s. 9d. to be paid, and in future he is to bring in his bill half yearly.

Fre. Pigou and family to be at liberty to sit in the pew lately occupied by Mr Lawrence and family, so long as he continues an inhabitant in this parish.

Adjourned to Sunday next.

Jo. Graham and family to be at liberty to sit in the pew environing the first pillar of the church on the left hand going in at the door, during his residence in this parish.

394 [p. 305] 24 June [1784], at the Rose and Crown, notice given in church the preceding Sabbath day. [8]

A rate granted for the relief of the poor at 18d. in the pound to be assessed on the inhabitants, occupiers of houses, lands, tenements &c.

395 [p. 306] Sunday 1 Aug. 1784. [12]

Geo. Chamberlaine and Ch. Newsham Pigott late overseers having laid before this vestry a state of their account for the year ending L.D. 1784 the same was examined with the vouchers, and the balance appearing to be £58 1s. 4 $\frac{3}{4}$ d. due to the accountants was carried to the credit side of the succeeding overseers.

¹ Entry not completed. The vestry clerk anticipated Pitt's renewed application in the original minute of no. 391, writing in an entry recording this, under the date and heading, before the meeting. Pitt probably failed to appear, but the clerk omitted to delete the entry (S.R.O. P5/3/193).

396 [p. 307] Sunday 12 Sept. 1784, notice given in church the preceding Sabbath day. [12]

The officers empowered to put the bond in execution against John, George and Wi. Pearce for £10 charges on account of 2 illegitimate children.

Mr Parker's bill for conveying the ground adjoining the churchyard to be paid in full notwithstanding 'tis thought a very exorbitant charge.

A gate is to be opened in the wall of the churchyard near Mr Hopkins's vault to make a footway into the churchyard to avoid the carriages in coming from church. The wall is to be pointed to preserve it.

397 [p. 308] Wed. 22 Sept. 1784, notice previously given in church. [10]

The following put in nomination and returned to H.M. bench of J.P.s for the county for their appointment of 2 or more of them to serve the office of surveyors: Wi. Wilberforce, Wi. Blake, Jo. Eyles, Th. Scott Jackson and Wi. Beaumaris Rush Esqs., Wi. Watney, Wi. Gonston, Jo. Martin, Th. Watney, Ri. Peacock.

Signed by [6 vestrymen].

398 [p. 309] Sunday 14 Nov. 1784, notice given in church the preceding Sabbath day. [12]

Jo. Edwards and Ben. Bond Hopkins late churchwardens having laid before this vestry a state of their account for the year ending at the visitation 1783 the same was examined with the vouchers, and the balance appearing to be 19s. 9d. due to the accountants was allowed.

399 [p. 310] Sunday 9 Jan. 1785, notice previously given in church. [10]

A rate granted for the necessary repairs of the church or other expenses thereto belonging at 6d. in the pound to be assessed on the inhabitants, occupiers of houses, lands, tenements &c. A rate granted for the relief of the poor at 1s. 9d. in the pound to be assessed [as above].

Jo. Watney's casual poor's bill amounting to £17 6s. 9d. to be paid.

400 [p. 311] Tues. 29 March 1785, notice given in church the preceding Sabbath day. [11]

The following appointed churchwardens: Jo. Watney, Geo. Chamberlaine Esq. The following put in nomination and returned to H.M. bench of J.P.s for this county for their appointment of 2 or more of them to serve the office of overseers: Jo. Irons, Ja. Rose, Ben. Patterson, Wi. Watney, Wi. Jennings, Edw. Eades.

Signed by all present except Wi. Watney and delivered to Mr Nettleton.

401 [p. 312] Sunday 17 Apr. 1785, notice given in church the preceding Sabbath day. [13]

Adjourned.

402 [p. 313] Sunday 1 May 1785, notice given in church the preceding Sabbath day. [13]

Ja. Beacham chosen beadle at a salary of £5 p.a. and allowed clothes &c. as usual.

Signed by [11 vestrymen].

403 [p. 314] Sunday 10 July 1785, notice previously given. [17]

The following gentlemen are appointed a committee, and any 7 or more of

them, to take into consideration the repairs or alteration of the church and appoint a surveyor to make an estimate thereof, and report to the next vestry. They are desired to attend at the Rose and Crown at 11 o'clock on Tues. 12 inst. to take into consideration the above order. [They are] Sir Ri. Hotham Knt, Wi. Beaumaris Rush, Wi. Southouse, Ben. Bond Hopkins, Ja. Meyrick, Sam. Castill, Fre. Pigou, He. Dundas and Ri. Gaire Esqs., Ch. News. Pigott, Ro. Nettleton, Wi. Gonston, Sam. Mason, Wi. Watney, Wi. Jennings, Jo. Edwards, with the minister and other officers.

404 [p. 315] 12 July 1785, an adjourned vestry at the Rose and Crown. [14]
Mr Johnson appointed surveyor [of the repairs to the church].

405 Sunday 24 July 1785, notice given the preceding Sabbath day. [12]
Jacob Lamb to be relieved and clothed at the discretion of the officers.

406 [p. 316] Sunday 28 Aug. 1785, notice given in church the preceding Sabbath day. [13]

A rate granted for relief of the poor at 1s. 3d. in the pound to be assessed on the inhabitants, occupiers of houses, lands, tenements &c.

407 [p. 317] Thurs. 22 Sept. 1785, notice previously given in church. [14]
The following put in nomination and returned to H.M. bench of J.P.s for the county for their appointment of 2 or more of them to serve the office of surveyors: Wi. Blake, Jo. Eyles, Th. Scott Jackson, Wi. Beaumaris Rush and Ja. Meyrick Esqs., Wi. Watney, Wi. Gonston, Th. Watney, Edw. Eades, Wi. Jennings.

Signed by [8 vestrymen].

408 [p. 318] Tues. 1 Nov. 1785, at the Rose and Crown. [11]
Jo. Watney churchwarden having produced 2 casual poor bills amounting to £12 4s. 1d. the same are to be paid by the overseers.

409 Sunday 22 Jan. 1786, notice given in church the preceding Sabbath day. [15]

Adjourned to Thursday at 11 o'clock in the morning to Mr Mason's the Rose and Crown.

410 [p. 319] Thurs. 26 Jan. 1786, at the Rose and Crown. [15]
A rate granted for the relief of the poor at 1s. in the pound to be assessed on the inhabitants, occupiers of houses, lands, tenements &c.

411 [p. 320] Sunday 12 Feb. 1786, notice given in church the preceding Sabbath day. [12]

Settled and adjusted the account of Ben. Bond Hopkins late churchwarden for 1784, the balance whereof being £14 15s. 9d. due to the parish was then paid to Jo. Watney churchwarden. Also the account of Ro. Nettleton overseer for the said year, the balance being £55 4s. 10 $\frac{3}{4}$ d. due to the parish was then paid to Jo. Hierons a succeeding overseer.

412 [p. 321] Tues. 18 Apr. 1786, notice given in church the preceding Sabbath day. [15]

The following appointed churchwardens: Geo. Chamberlaine Esq., Ri. Peacock. The following put in nomination and returned to H.M. bench of J.P.s for this county for their appointment of 2 or more of them to serve the

office of overseers : Wi. Watney, Wi. Jennings,¹ Ben. Patterson, Jo. Terry, Ja. Dalglish, Edw. Eades.

Signed by [9 vestrymen].

Note. The original minute was delivered to Jo. Hierons overseer.

413 [p. 322] Sunday 30 Apr. 1786, notice given in church the preceding Sabbath day. [17]

It appeared by a plan and estimate that the necessary repairs of the south side of the church will amount to £124 4s. and that to enlarge the church and make it more commodious for the inhabitants an additional sum of £500 at least² will be required. It was therefore the sense of the vestry that a subscription shall be commenced to repair and enlarge the church.

414 [p. 323] Mon. 22 May 1786, notice given in church the preceding Sabbath day. [17]

Mr Randolph reported that Earl Spencer had generously offered £100 for enlarging the church and, other gentlemen having liberally offered to contribute, the minister and churchwardens are desired to apply to the Dean and Chapter of Worcester, the impropiators of the great tithes, and to the inhabitants to ascertain what sum can be raised to make the church more convenient, and to report to a future vestry.

An agreement between Ri. Garth Esq. of Kensington, Middlesex, and the surveyors of this parish confirmed.

415 [p. 324] Sunday 11 June 1786. [10]

The workhouse being much out of repair an estimate of the expense [of repairing it] is to be made out and laid before the next vestry.

Adjourned to Saturday at 10 o'clock at Mr Mason's.

416 Tues. 20 June 1786, at the Rose and Crown. [9]

A rate granted for the relief of the poor at 15*d.* in the pound to be assessed on the inhabitants, occupiers of houses, lands, tenements &c.

417 [p. 325] Sunday 9 July 1786. [9]

Settled and passed the accounts of Geo. Chamberlaine and Jo. Watney churchwardens and Ja. Rose and Jo. Hierons overseers for last year, and the balance of both paid to the succeeding churchwardens and overseers.

418 Sunday 16 July 1786. [4]

Adjourned to Tuesday evening at 7 o'clock at Mr Mason's the Rose and Crown.

419 [p. 326] Tues. 18 July 1786, an adjourned vestry at Mr Mason's the Rose and Crown. [7]

A building is to be erected at the west end of the poor-house for the more conveniently carrying on the manufactory. An estimate of the expense was laid before this vestry which will amount to £45, the whole to be completed in a good and workmanlike manner by 1 Aug. 1786.

420 [p. 327] Mon. 7 Aug. 1786, at the schoolhouse. [19]

Adjourned to Wed. 9 inst. to the church at 11 o'clock in the morning.

¹ The first two names in the list are bracketed together.

² The words 'at least' were added in a hand different from that of the vestry clerk.

421 [p. 328] Wed. 9 Aug. 1786, an adjourned vestry. [13]

It was reported by the minister and churchwardens that £773 and upwards was subscribed for enlarging the church. It appeared at the same time that the necessary expenses for the repairs will amount to a larger sum than at first apprehended as the north wall and steeple are considerably out of repair as well as the south wall, so that the repairs are estimated at £300 and upwards. Mr Johnson surveyor [of the repairs] having delivered in a plan for enlarging and repairing the church amounting on a rough calculation to £900, he was desired to make a particular estimate of the whole expense and give in his answer as soon as possible.

A rate granted for the repairs of the highways at 6*d.* in the pound.

Note. Mr Andrews vestry clerk is desired to acquaint Mr Johnson of the desire of the gentlemen to have a particular estimate by Saturday next 12 inst.

422 [p. 329] Mon. 21 Aug. 1786, notice given in church the preceding Sabbath day. [15]

Mr Mason and the other tradesmen produced an estimate of the repairs of the north and south wall with the taking down and repairing the belfry and steeple which amounted to £300. Jo. Johnson surveyor, of Berners St, produced a plan and estimate of enlarging the church, which would include the necessary repairs as stated above, amounting to £1,087.

The churchwardens reported that the subscription for enlarging the church amounted to £774 6*s.* and Rev. Mr Randolph mentioned that he had authority from a gentleman to subscribe £100 more provided a steeple was added to the plan of Mr Johnson. Resolved that Mr Johnson's plan be agreed to and, in consequence of the handsome offer of the gentleman, that a steeple be added thereto so that the difference of expense shall not exceed the gentleman's subscription.

A committee is to be appointed to make an agreement with Mr Johnson for enlarging and repairing the same agreeable to the plan so that the same shall not exceed (including the addition of the steeple) £1,187. Rev. Mr Randolph is to apply to the ordinary for a faculty for enlarging the same. Lord Spencer, Sir Ri. Hotham, Wi. B. Rush, Ch. E. Wilson, Ben. B. Hopkins, Ja. Meyrick, Sam. Castell, Mos. Is. Levy, He. Dundas, Wi. Wilberforce, Wi. Southouse, Jos. Hudson and Geo. Chamberlaine Esqs., with the minister and churchwardens for the time being, are to be a committee (or any 5 of them) for carrying the orders of this vestry into execution.

Rev. Herbert Randolph is appointed treasurer to receive the subscription from the churchwardens as also any rate granted in aid of the same. The treasurer is not to pay any monies without an order signed by at least 3 of the committee (exclusive of the minister). [p. 330] The minister and churchwardens are to collect the subscriptions as soon as possible and pay the same to the treasurer. The season being so far advanced the pulling down of the church is deferred until the spring of the year. The granting of a rate for the amount of the repairs as estimated by Mr Mason and others, to go in aid of Mr Johnson's plan, is postponed until the treasurer reports the amount of the subscriptions received.

423 Fri. 22 Sept. 1786, notice given in church the preceding Sabbath day. [11]

The following put in nomination and returned to H.M. bench of J.P.s for the county for their appointment of 2 or more of them to serve the office of surveyors: Ch. Edw. Wilson, Ja. Meyrick, Fre. Pigou, Th. Scott Jackson and

Sam. Castill Esqs., Wi. Watney, Ben. Patterson, Jo. Terry, Th. Watney, Wi. Everatt.

Note. The original minute was signed by all present except Wi. Gonston, Wi. Watney and Jo. Terry.

424 [p. 331] Sunday 12 Nov. 1786, notice given in church the preceding Sabbath day. [13]¹

A rate granted for the relief of the poor at 1s. 9d. in the pound to be assessed on the inhabitants, occupiers of houses, lands, tenements &c.

Signed by all present except Th. Watney and Jo. Dicker.

425 [p. 332] Mon. 18 Dec. 1786, at Sam. Mason's the Rose and Crown, notice given in church the preceding Sabbath day. [22]

Th. Wilkins to be employed with his wife to take care of the workhouse and manufactory therein established at an annual salary of 20 guineas.

Mr Akers and wife are allotted a room in the poor-house for accommodation of themselves but by no means to have any command in the house, or if they choose to remove from the house they are to be allowed 5 guineas p.a. for their maintenance.

426 [p. 333] Mon. 1 Jan. 1787, a meeting of the committee at the schoolhouse, notice given in church the preceding Sabbath day. [5]

It is to be recommended to Mr Johnson to employ the workmen of Wimbledon for repairing and enlarging the church provided they can do the work as well and as cheap as other workmen.

Thanks to be returned to Wi. Pitt Esq., Chapel St, Westminster, for his liberal donation of £100 for erecting a steeple to the church.

The proctor's bill for the faculty, amounting to £17 13s. 6d., to be paid by the treasurer.

427 [p. 334] Sunday 7 Jan. 1787, notice given in church the preceding Sabbath day. [14]

Ben. Hays, Ri. Bridger and Ri. Gaire Esqs., Ben. Patterson, Ja. Rose, Wi. Gonston, Ch. Newsham Pigott, Jo. Watney and Jo. Edwards are added to the committee appointed 21 Aug. 1786.

Mr Corbett allowed the liberty to remove the gate called the Shepherds Hatch at his own expense.

428 [p. 335] 15 Jan. 1787. A minute of the proceedings of the committee held at Mason's the Rose and Crown (appointed 21 Aug. 1786) empowered to take into consideration and determine on every occurrence relative to the repairing and enlarging the church. [7]

Minutes of last meeting confirmed.

Jo. Johnson attended and informed the committee that in consequence of an order signed by 5 of the committee dated 2 Sept. 1786, he had considered himself empowered to prepare the materials for enlarging and repairing the church agreeable to the plan and agreement delivered in, and of course he was to employ his own workmen and could not consent to comply with the request of the last committee recommending him to employ the Wimbledon tradesmen.

429 [p. 336] Sunday 28 Jan. 1787, notice given in church the preceding Sabbath day. [17]

¹ There were 14 vestrymen present according to the original minute (S.R.O. P5/3/220).

Jo. Johnson surveyor to be desired to attend 6 Feb. at the Rose and Crown and to bring with him a copy of the letter containing the orders for his proceeding on the business of the church.

Adjourned to Mr Mason's the Rose and Crown, 6 Feb. at 11 o'clock in the forenoon.

430 [p. 337] Tues. 6 Feb. 1787, an adjourned vestry at Mr Mason's the Rose and Crown. [24]

Mr Johnson attended and brought with him a copy of a letter containing the orders of his proceeding in the business of the church, which was ordered to be reported to the next committee appointed to consider the enlarging and repairing of the church.

A committee to be desired to meet on Tuesday at the Rose and Crown, of which notice is to be given in church on Sunday.

The churchwarden's bill for casual poor from 23 Sept. to 5 Feb. allowed and the overseers are desired to pay the same.

431 [p. 338] Tues. 13 Feb. 1787, a committee at Mr Mason's the Rose and Crown, notice given the preceding Sabbath day in church. [10]

Messrs Mason, Carter, Terry and Jennings having delivered in proposals for enlarging and repairing the church according to the plan and design of Jo. Johnson surveyor and [having] produced an estimate of the expense amounting to £1,182, an agreement is to be entered into with them for the performance of the works, and Sir Ri. Hotham and Geo. Chamberlaine are empowered to enter into an agreement with them in behalf of this committee.

The original minute was signed by [9 vestrymen].

432 [p. 339] Mon. 26 Feb. 1787, a committee at Mr Mason's the Rose and Crown, notice given the preceding Sabbath day in church. [5]

Rev. Mr Randolph reported that Jo. Carter called on him this morning and declined having any concern in the business of the enlarging and repairing of the church with Messrs Mason, Terry and Jennings. Sir Ri. Hotham and Geo. Chamberlaine have entered into an agreement with Messrs Mason, Terry and Jennings for executing all the said works [*as in no. 431*] which, being read, is confirmed. A letter is to be wrote to Jo. Johnson architect, Charles St, Berkeley Sq., enclosing the agreement and particulars, and he is to be desired to prepare and give orders for executing his plan for enlarging and repairing the church.

Adjourned to Monday next, 5 March, at the same time and place.

433 [p. 340] Sunday 4 [March]¹ 1787, notice first given in church. [14]

The service of the church to be discontinued till this day month in which time the chancel is to be fitted up suitable for divine service to be performed in it.

Mr Mason to provide shells for any bodies moved by digging the foundation for the new wall of the church.

434 Mon. 5 March 1787, adjourned committee at Mr Mason's the Rose and Crown. Present—Rev. Mr Randolph. Adjourned sine die.

435 [p. 341] Tues. 10 Apr. 1787. [13]

The following appointed churchwardens: Geo. Chamberlaine Esq., Ri. Peacock. The following put in nomination and returned to H.M. bench of

¹ The vestry book gives the date as 4 Feb. 1787.

J.P.s for this county for their appointment of 2 or more of them to serve the office of overseers : Ben. Patterson, Jo. Terry, Ja. Dalglish, Wi. Eades, Ja. Coote, Ja. Steele.

[As] a vault belonging to the family of Silvester will obstruct the entrance at the west end of the church and interfere with the foundation of the wall, the same is to be removed further to the west as many feet as will keep the same clear of the foundation, and the inscription stone is to be laid flat on the ground over the vault.

Signed by [7 *vestrymen*].

Note. The original minute was delivered to Edw. Eades overseer.

436 [p. 342] Thurs. 17 May 1787, meeting of the committee superintending the enlargement and repairing of the church, at Mr Mason's the Rose and Crown, previous notice given by the beadle. [8]

Wi. Pitt Esq., Chapel St, Westminster, attended and proposed a more ornamental steeple than at first was intended and agreed to take the expense of the same upon himself provided it should not exceed £25 more. Mr Johnson architect is to be instructed to comply with Mr Pitt's proposal, and the committee's thanks are to be returned to Mr Pitt for the liberal offer.

The underwritten agreement to be endorsed on the original contract with the builders :

'Whereas the Roof of the Church was found to be so far decayed that the Contractors chose to take the whole of it down rather than to shore it up in the manner first proposed, in consequence of which Mr Johnson the Architect produced a Plan of a new Roof to be covered with Patent Slate, It is therefore hereby further agreed between the Contractors and the Committee that the Alterations in the said Roof proposed by Mr Johnson shall be executed by the Contractors for a Sum not exceeding Sixty Pounds or such smaller Sum as the same shall Amount to when surveyed by Mr Johnson.

'And if Mr Johnson the architect shall (at the desire of the Committee or any five of them) think it necessary to make any further Alterations in the finishing of the said Church and enter into any Agreement with the Contractors for the same, it is hereby understood that such Agreement shall not make void or any wise annul the within original Contract.

'As Witness our hands this Seventeenth Day of May 1787.'

N.B. It was signed by the contractors.

437 [p. 343] Tues. 12 June 1787, a committee at Mr Mason's the Rose and Crown to consider the raising the floor of the church, notice previously given by the beadle. [5]

The raising of the floor of the church 3 ft would contribute to make the church more wholesome and free from damp. Mr Chamberlaine reported that Mr Townsend had called upon him from Lord Spencer intimating that his lordship had no objection to the same being raised 2 ft above the present floor of the chancel. Messrs Terry and Jennings, on the part of the contractors, said that raising the walls of the church all round 3 ft to admit raising the floor will amount to £38 or thereabouts. Mr Johnson architect is to be directed to make an agreement with Messrs Terry and Jennings (on behalf of this committee) for carrying the walls such a greater height than is the present plan as will admit of the floor being raised 2 ft above the chancel floor, and so as the same shall not exceed £38.

The original minute was signed by [all present].

438 [p. 344] Mon. 25 June 1787, a committee at Mr Mason's the Rose and Crown to consider altering the entrance to the church by a porch agreeable to a plan designed by Mr Johnson, notice previously given by the beadle. [6]

Messrs Terry and Jennings informed the committee that the raising the church floor above 1 ft 9 in. would occasion the columns to be lowered 6 in., otherwise there must be a step up into the lobby and a step from thence down into the church. Likewise that Mr Johnson architect had delivered them a plan of a porch which was absolutely necessary to be built in addition to the entrance in consequence of raising the floor. If the committee agreed to erect the porch it would be necessary to remove the vault belonging to Mr Silvester's family as part of the foundation wall of the porch went through the middle of the same, otherwise to admit of the vault taking up the space of the porch.

Therefore resolved that (as the contractors had not yet entered into any agreement agreeable to the last order of the committee) the floor be only raised 1 ft 9 in. and that Mr Johnson be empowered to make an agreement with the contractors for [this], making an addition of a porch agreeable to the plan now before the committee with such alteration of Mr Silvester's vault as shall appear most commodious and reasonable both to the owners and the parishioners, so that [the whole] shall not exceed £90. Mr Chamberlaine is requested to enclose Mr Johnson a copy of this day's proceedings with a request that he would expedite the building of the church.

439 [p. 345] Mon. 6 Aug. 1787, a committee at Sam. Mason's the Rose and Crown, notice previously given by the beadle. [6]

A large elm tree at the west end of the church, considered an obstruction, is to be taken up if the committee have power so to do. If any injury or detriment accrue to any person's property from the alterations the same shall be made good at the parish expense. As the alterations in some measure deviate from the faculty Mr Johnson architect is to state these alterations to the Commons and pray that the same be confirmed by the ordinary.

440 [p. 346] Fri. 24 Aug. 1787, at Ja. Steele's the Dog and Fox, notice given by the beadle. [10]

A rate granted for the relief of the poor at 1s. 9d. in the pound to be assessed on the inhabitants, occupiers of houses, lands, tenements &c.

Signed by all present except Ri. Cooke.

441 [p. 347] Mon. 27 Aug. 1787, a committee at Sam. Mason's the Rose and Crown, notice given by the beadle. [5]

Earl Spencer having consented to the taking down the elm tree at the west end of the church, which was considered an obstruction to the building, the workmen are to be desired to take down the same as soon as the bell can be removed into the steeple.

The contractors having represented that the present state of the north wall of the chancel is so bad that they cannot make a complete finish to it until Lord Spencer's opinion is known relating to the repairs of the chancel, application is to be made to Earl Spencer to know his determination and Mr Randolph is requested to apply to him for that purpose.

442 [p. 348] Sat. 22 Sept. 1787, at Sam. Mason's the Rose and Crown. [10]

The following put in nomination and returned to H.M. bench of J.P.s for the county for their appointment of 2 or more of them to serve the office of sur-

veyors : Sam. Castell, Ja. Meyrick, Th. Scott Jackson, Fra. Page and Jo. Mayor Esqs., Jo. Hierons, Wi. Jennings, Ja. Dalglish, Wi. Everatt, Edw. Eades.

Signed by all present except Wi. Jennings and Edw. Eades.

443 [p. 349] Mon. 3 Dec. 1787, a general vestry, notice previously given in the parish churches of Putney and Merton and a notice delivered by the beadle to every parishioner respectively. [20]

A petition to the ordinary is to be drawn up praying a new faculty to confirm the alterations in the building of the church, which is to be signed by the minister, churchwardens and principal inhabitants.

Instructions to be given to Mr Johnson architect for making so many new pews in the lower part of the church as were not included in the original contract together with a new pulpit and reading desk, and the committee to be directed to receive proposals for making an agreement for executing such new pews, pulpit and reading desk.

Whatever alterations are necessary to be made in the vault of Jos. Hudson Esq. on account of raising the floor of the church shall be done at the expense of the parish and with his approbation, and such alterations are to be inserted in the new faculty to be prayed for and in his own faculty if thought necessary.

444 [p. 350] Fri. 7 Dec. 1787, at Mr Mason's the Rose and Crown, previous notice given. [15]

The account[s] of Wi. Blake and Wi. Gonston surveyors were audited and allowed. The accounts of Wi. Jennings and Edw. Eades overseers were inspected.

It appeared that the parish are considerably in arrears in both the highways' and poor's rates' accounts. A vestry is to be called on Sat. 12 Jan. at 10 o'clock in the forenoon to take the arrears into consideration and order payment of the same.

445 [p. 351] Sat. 12 Jan. 1788, at Mr Sam. Mason's the Rose and Crown. [10]

Wi. Jennings and Edw. Eades late overseers having exhibited a state of the accounts for the year ending L.D. 1787 the same was examined with the vouchers, and the balance appearing to be £14 11s. 6½d. due to the parish was then paid to Jo. Terry overseer.

The accompt[s] of Wi. Blake and Wi. Gonston [late] surveyors were finally examined and passed. Wi. Jennings surveyor represented that the amount of the outstanding debts due from the parish is £99 6s., therefore a rate granted at 6d. in the pound for the discharging the said and other debts.

It appeared on examination of the overseers' accompts that a bill delivered at Easter 1786 to the overseers, amounting to £39 14s. for flour for the poor-house, by Jo. Watney was unpaid. Also 2 bills to the overseers for the last years due to Boddicott and Hobbs for butcher's meat, amounting to £18 11s. 5d., was not [p. 352] paid owing to a deficiency of cash in hand. Likewise £10 due to Jo. Watney for flour and £11 5s. for casualty poor due to Ri. Peacock churchwarden.

On 1 Aug. 1786¹ it was ordered the poor-house, for the more conveniently carrying on the manufactory, be repaired in consequence of which the parish stands indebted to the workmen as follows : Sam. Mason £32 7s. 9¼d. Wi. Jennings £24 13s. 8¾d. Jo. Withem £4 7s. Jo. Carter £16. [Total] £77 8s. 6d.

¹ It was actually 18 July 1786 (no. 419).

In consequence of the aforesaid debts, the whole of which amount to £156 18s. 11½*d.*, an additional rate for the discharge of the arrears is immediately granted at 1s. in the pound, also another rate of 1s. in the pound for the present year, Jo. Terry being overseer, from Mich. last to L.D., amounting together to 2s. in the pound to be assessed on the inhabitants.

The beadle is to desire the gentlemen of the committee to attend at Sam. Mason's the Rose and Crown on Mon. 21 Jan. at 11 o'clock in the forenoon.

446 [*p.* 353] Mon. 21 Jan. 1788, a committee at Sam. Mason's the Rose and Crown, notice previously given by the beadle. [7]

Mr Johnson surveyor [of the repairs to the church] having proposed a plan for altering the chancel and Earl Spencer's seat, bringing the communion table to the west end of it and placing the pulpit over it and the minister's desk and the clerk's desk on each side of the same, it appeared to the committee that the plan would finish the church very completely if Earl Spencer would consent. The contractors are to make an estimate of such expense of the same as Earl Spencer is liable to as lessee of the impropriation, to be submitted to him for his approbation.

Adjourned to Monday next to take the matter into further consideration and to determine upon the same.

447 [*p.* 354] Mon. [28] ¹ Jan. 1788, an adjourned committee at Sam. Mason's the Rose and Crown. [6]

Mr Johnson surveyor [of the repairs to the church] having produced a plan for new pewing the body of the church, an estimate is to be made of the expense of the same agreeable to an order of vestry dated 3 Dec. 1787, and a vestry is to be called to determine the same and other matters on Mon. 4 Feb.

448 [*p.* 355] Mon. 4 Feb. 1788, notice given by the beadle to each parishioner respectively. [18]

A proposal being delivered in by Messrs Mason, Terry and Jennings for new pewing the body of the church and making a new pulpit, reading desk and clerk's desk, and a new communion table, rail &c. according to the design of Mr Johnson architect, as mentioned in the particulars of the said proposal, and in which an abatement is mentioned for the pews in the original contract of £49 12s., which proposal amounts to £241 17s. 11*d.* including the plastering, the said design is to be carried into execution. Mr Johnson is to take the proposal into consideration and adjust the value of the several works, and value them as he shall judge equitable and report to the committee.

[*p.* 356] A vestry to be held on Mon. 18 Feb. at the Rose and Crown for granting a rate for the necessary repairs and enlargement of the church agreeable to order of 21 Aug. 1786, and proper notice to be given of the same.

449 Mon. 11 Feb. [1788], a committee at the Rose and Crown for receiving Mr Johnson's report of the estimate of new pewing ² the body of the church &c. [5]

The committee having considered the reduced estimate of the contractors for new pewing ² the body of the church &c. as adjusted by Mr Johnson, amounting to £212 7s. 4*d.*, it is resolved to agree with them for carrying the same into execution. The committee has on behalf of the vestry agreed with Messrs

¹ The text gives the date as 27 Jan.

² Altered from 'paving' in a hand different from that of the vestry clerk.

Terry, Jennings and Mason accordingly. The agreement to be laid before next vestry.

450 [p. 357] Mon. 18 Feb. 1788, at the Rose and Crown, notice given by the beadle to each parishioner respectively. [13]

The agreement made with the contractors for completing the works of the church confirmed.

The treasurer having reported that £934 4s. has been received from voluntary subscriptions towards enlarging the church, out of which he has paid the contractors £840, which with some other disbursements reduces the balance in hand to about £60, and the contractors having applied for a further advancement, he is unable to comply with their request without a rate or additional subscription. It appearing in consequence of the original contract and others as underneath specified amounting in the whole to £1,569 and upwards, and in consequence of the progress of the several works, that the contractors are entitled to a further advancement, a rate is granted for that purpose at 2s. [p. 358] in the pound, the same to be paid to Rev. Herbert Randolph treasurer to the committee.

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| Amount of original contract | £1,182 | 13 Feb. 1787 |
| Extra for new roof. Committee | 60 | 17 May |
| Extra for ornamenting steeple. | | |
| Committee | 25 | do. |
| Extra for porch &c. Committee | 90 | 25 June |
| Extra for pewing ¹ church. Committee | 212 | 11 Feb. 1788 |
| | <hr/> £1,569 | |

The churchwarden's bill for casual poor, 5 Dec. 1787 to 18 Jan. 1788, is confirmed and the overseers are desired to pay it.

No pension to be allowed out of the workhouse except to such as are bedridden.

451 [p. 359] Tues. 25 March 1788, notice given by the beadle. [16]

The following appointed churchwardens: Ch. Edw. Wilson Esq., Sam. Mason. The following put in nomination and returned to H.M. bench of J.P.s for this county for their appointment of 2 or more of them to serve the office of overseers: Th. Dicker, Ja. Dalglish, Th. Saunders, Wi. Eades, Ja. Steele, Ja. Coote.

The surveyors having reported that Ro. Nettleton refuses to pay the rate demanded of him, he is to be summoned before the bench of justices to signify his reasons.

452 [p. 360] Tues. 6 May 1788, at Sam. Mason's the Rose and Crown, for taking into consideration the better managing of the manufactory in the workhouse, notice previously given by the beadle. [16]

Further consideration of the above-mentioned business is referred to a vestry to be holden at Sam. Mason's the Rose and Crown on Tuesday next, and proper notice is to be given by the beadle, mentioning the business to each parishioner respectively.

453 [p. 361] Tues. 13 May 1788, at Sam. Mason's the Rose and Crown, notice given by the beadle. [19]

¹ Altered from 'paving' in a hand different from that of the vestry clerk.

Th. Wilkins master of the workhouse having made a proposal to support the poor in the workhouse and to find them in necessary provision, clothing &c. at 3s. per head, and at the same time to allow the parish £40 p.a. for the profits of the manufacture now carrying on in the workhouse, it was agreed to accept provided he can find proper securities.

None of the poor supported in the workhouse shall be allowed to do work out of the workhouse, but shall be employed in the manufacture there carrying on, or in other business relating to the workhouse.

454 [p. 362] Mon. 26 May [1788], for considering painting the pews, erecting the King's arms and all matters relative to completing the church, and other parish business, notice previously given by the beadle to each parishioner respectively. [27]

Th. Wilkins having provided 2 securities, viz. Ro. Nettleton and Jo. Terry, they are approved of and the overseers are to enter into an agreement with Wilkins to commence at Midsummer day.

There is no immediate occasion for painting the pews. The King's arms are to be put up in the church and the committee is to contract for a sum not exceeding 15 guineas, and the committee is to meet at the schoolhouse on Monday for that purpose.

The church is to be opened for divine service on Sunday 6 July.

Adjourned to Mon. 30 June for allotting the pews to the parishioners, proper notice to be given of the same.

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455 [p. 364] [Vestry meeting places.]

1745

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| 12 May | Th. Wray's | 20 Oct. | Ri. Carter's |
| 26 May | Ja. Eades jun.'s | 15 Dec. | Ja. Eades jun.'s |
| 25 Aug. | Jos. Townsend's | 26 Dec. | Jo. Inward's |
| 8 Sept. | Wid. Eades's | | |

[1745/6]

23 Feb. Th. Wray's

1746

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| 1 Apr. | Jos. Townsend's | 12 Oct. | Jos. Townsend's |
| 4 May | Ri. Carter's | 26 Dec. | Ri. Carter's |
| 29 June | Jo. Inward's | 30 Dec. | The making of the rates, |
| 13 July | Ja. Eades's 3 ¹ | | Th. Wray's 3 |
| 17 Aug. | Wid. Eades's | | |

[1746/7]

[blank] Jo. Inward's 3 1 March Jos. Townsend's 4

¹ The significance of this and other numbers similarly placed is not apparent.

1747

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| 21 Apr. | Wid. Eades's 3 | 13 Sept. | Ja. Eades's |
| 10 May | Mr Carter's 4 | 25 Oct. | Ri. Carter's |
| 14 June | Th. Wray's | 22 Nov. | Wid. Inward's |
| 26 July | Th. Wray's | 13 Dec. | Jos. Townsend's |
| 16 Aug. | Wid. Eades's | 26 Dec. | Th. Wray's |

[1747/8]

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| 1 Jan. | Edw. Winchester's, making the rate | 14 Feb. | Ri. Carter's |
| 17 Jan. | Ja. Eades's | 13 March | Th. Wray's |

1748

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| 12 Apr. | Jos. Freeman's | 6 Oct. | Making the rate, Ri. Carter's |
| 15 May | Ri. Carter's | 20 Nov. | Ja. Eades's |
| 19 June | Ja. Eades's | 26 Dec. | Jos. Freeman's |
| 24 July | Jos. Townsend's | | |
| 25 Sept. | Edw. Winchester's | | |

[1748/9]

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| 3 Jan. | Making the church rate, Th. [Wray's] ¹ | 29 Jan. | Edw. Winchester's |
| 15 Jan. | Ri. Carter's | 26 Feb. | Th. Wray's |

1749

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| 28 March | Jos. Townsend's | [blank] | Making the rate, Jos. Free- man's |
| 7 May | Ja. Eades's | 30 Oct. | Ja. Ea[des's] |
| 9 July | Jos. Townsend's | 26 Nov. | Jos. Town[send's] |
| 20 Aug. | Edw. Winchester's | 26 Dec. | Ri. Car[ter's] |
| [24] Sept. | Ri. Carter's | | |

[1749/50]

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| 2 Jan. | Making the rate, Edw. Winchester's | 18 Feb. | Jos. Freeman's |
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1750

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| 17 Apr. | Th. Wray's | 4 Nov. | Wi. Coatswor[th's] |
| 14 May | Ja. Eades's | 6 Nov. | The rate made at Th. W[r]ay's |
| 10 June | Jos. Freeman's | 25 Nov. | Jos. Fr[ee]m[an]'s |
| 19 Aug. | Edw. Wincheste[r's] | | |
| 9 Sept. | Ri. Carter's | | |

[1750/1]

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| 7 ² Jan. | Edw. Winch[ester's] | 10 March | Wi. Coatsworth's |
| 30 Jan. | Making the r[ate], Ri. Carter's | | |

¹ The edge of the paper has perished affecting the text of this list.

² Probably in error for 27 (no. 72).

1751

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| 9 Apr. | Th. Wray's | 26 May | Edw. Winchester's |
| 5 May | Ja. Eades's | 16 June | Ri. Carter's |
| 9 ¹ May | Jos. Free[man's] | 4 Aug. | Wi. Coatsworth's |

456 [p. 365] 'Who Had the Half Crowns'.²

1762 Geo. Hayden churchwarden

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| Wid. Martins | Wid. Hopkins |
| Wid. Bowen | Wid. Stevens |

1763 Th. Hopkins churchwarden

[No list]

457 Greatcoats³

1764 Jo. Paterson churchwarden

Only 6 greatcoats

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| Ja. Jennings | Jo. Stedwell |
| Th. Hillberry | Ja. Adams |
| Wi. Daniel | Alex. Taylor |

1765 6 in all⁴

W. Walker [churchwarden]

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| Wi. Elmns | He. Stockbridge |
| Ja. Jennings | Jo. Beacham (2) |

1766 Dan. Watney churchwarden

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| Sam. Minton | Wi. Bingham |
| He. Acres | Sam. English |
| Wi. Elmns | Th. Palmer |
| Jo. Pace | Ja. Inward |

1767 Swift Kirby [churchwarden]

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| Sam. Pearse | Jo. Stedwell |
| Alex. Taylor | Jo. Cogan |
| Th. Field sen. | Edw. Clarke |

1768 Wi. Boddicott [churchwarden]

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| Ch. Blinco | T. Hillberry |
| Wi. Parker | G. Blow |
| Sam. Minton | J. Hodges |

¹ Probably in error for 12 (no. 77).² Hilliard's Charity (see Introduction, p. xvii).³ Henry Smith's Charity (see Introduction, p. xvii).⁴ Only 5 greatcoats are accounted for.

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|----------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1769 | Edw. Winchester [churchwarden] | |
| | Wi. Bentley | Jos. Spencer |
| | He. Thornberry | Pe. Pennard |
| | Wi. Elmns | Jo. Beacham |
| | Jos. Field | Jo. Baggott |
| 1770 | W. Jennings churchwarden | |
| | Jo. Cogan | Th. King |
| | Th. Palmer | He. Acres |
| | Sam. Pearse | Alex. Taylor |
| | Sam. English | Jo. Stedwell |
| 1771 | Th. Godard churchwarden | |
| | Th. King sen. at Mitcham | Jo. Dorsett |
| | He. Stockbridge | Ja. Clarke |
| | Wi. Bingham | Ri. Patterson |
| | Ja. Edmons | Jo. Pitts |
| 1772 | Wi. Gonston churchwarden | |
| | [No list] | |
| 458 | The Widows' Half-crowns | |
| 1771 | Wid. Maybank | Wid. Russe[ll] ¹ |
| | Wid. Terry | Wid. Stevens |
| 459 [p. 366] | Greatcoats | |
| 1773 | Wi. Watney churchwarden | |
| | Jo. Cogan ² | Th. King |
| | Jo. Studwell | Sam. English |
| | Th. Palmer | He. Acurst |
| | Wi. Elmns | |
| Christmas 1774 | Jo. Martin churchwarden | |
| | Sam. Pearce | Wi. Dannels |
| | Jos. Spencer | Jo. Lee |
| | Edm. Elmes | Jo. Pitts |
| Christmas 1775 | Jo. Carter churchwarden | |
| | Jo. Pitts | He. Thornbury |
| | Ro. Lambert | Jos. Spencer |
| | Wi. Elmes | Sam. English |
| | Th. Palmer | Geo. Ranger |
| Christmas 1776 | Ben. Hays churchwarden | |
| | Wi. Cumley | Jo. Dosset |
| | Th. Hillberry | Ja. Smithers |
| | [blank] Adams | Wi. Jakes |
| | Saunders Taylor | |

¹ MS. torn.

² The name of Alex. Taylor follows, but is struck through.

Christmas 1778¹

Wi. Rose churchwarden

Geo. Blowe

Jo. Studdell

Ja. Edmonds

Ja. Clark

Wi. Bangham

Ja. Kingmar

He. Gough

David Pennard

1779, 1780, 1781

Mr Pigott churchwarden

[No lists]

1782

Th. Watney churchwarden

Jo. Beacham

Fra. Angell

He. Gough

Jo. Studdill

Geo. Ranger

Ro. Lambert

Edm. Elms

Th. Hillberry

Jo. Lee

Ri. Gray

1783

Jo. Edwards churchwarden

Jo. Bingham

F. Angell

Wi. Thornbury

E. Bingham

C. Pace

T. Bedell

T. Mott

Jos. Spencer

R. Purdey

[blank] Farling

1784

Ben. Bond Hopkins churchwarden

Geo. Ranger

Jos. Budd

Edw. Dosset

[blank] Stockbridge

He. Gough

Th. Hilberry

Sam. Taylor

Jo. Bedell

Jacob Lamb

Th. Barnes

Jacob Strange

Jo. Studwell

[The following words, with some rough figures, are on the end-paper:]

‘Mary Greenfeild Lodgeth in Cabbage Lane by the Westminster Infarmary,
2d. Door.’¹ This date should be 1777 and dates in this list are one year ahead from this point on, with the possible exceptions of 1783 and 1784.

APPENDICES

APPENDIX 1a

WIMBLEDON VESTRYMEN

THE names of men and women attending meetings of the vestry and its committees have been removed from the text to this list. The references are to the numbers allotted to the meetings in this edition. Where variations of surnames occur the most usual form is given first. Christian names are abbreviated in the same way as those in the printed text (see List of Abbreviations, p. xxiii). Official positions held by the vestrymen are noted frequently but by no means consistently by the vestry clerks. In the list they are abbreviated as follows :

| | | | |
|--------|--------------|-------|--------------------------|
| chwn | churchwarden | ovr | overseer of the poor |
| const. | constable | survr | surveyor of the highways |
| hdbh | headborough | | |

An attempt has been made to distinguish between different people of the same name, the authority for making such a distinction being cited, but some of the entries may still refer to more than one person, and some of the lines of division may have been drawn in the wrong place. The letter M following an entry indicates that the person concerned signed the original minutes with a mark, or is noted in the vestry book as having done this.

Allen : Jo., 343.

Amey : Th., 197-8.

Ashton : Bynard, 211, 230-1.

Banks, Bankes : He., Esq., 146, 168 ; Rev. Th., 246, 270, 273, 294-5, 300.

Barlow : Fra., Esq., 271, 273-4.

Beacham : Ja., 267, 270.

Bird : Edw., 1 chwn.

Boddicott, Boddicot, Boddicoat : Wi., 3 ovr ; 4-5, 7-11 ; 21 const. ; 29-30, 32, 36-8, 40, 45, 47-9, 51-3 ; 54-6, 58-60, 62, 64-72, 74-6 chwn ; 78-9, 84-5, 89, 147, 160, 163, 166 ; 175-6, 178, 180-1 ovr ; 182, 184, 190, 219 ; 220-2, 225, 227-32, 234-7 chwn ; 242, 245, 250-2, 257, 267.

Bond : Geo., Esq., 223-4, 227, 356, 359-64 ; 366 ovr ;¹ 367-9, 371, 373, 377, 382, 388-9, 392-3.

Briand, Bryand, Bryan : Jo., 71-3, 78 const.

Bridger : Jo., Esq., 221-4, 227, 245-6 ; 247, 249, 251 ovr ; 269-71, 273-4, 276-7, 279-86, 288-90 ; 291 ovr ; 294-5, 297 ; 298-301 ovr ; 302-6, 319-20, 324, 327, 329, 334-5, 343 ; Ri., Esq., 267, 353,² 357, 369, 371, 395-6, 398, 402, 411, 413, 429, 433, 436 ; Mrs —, 277,² 280,² 282,² 290, 318.

Brown : Barlow, Esq., 353, 359 ; Jo., 236, 240 const. ; 241, 263, 349, 397-8 ; Lyde, Esq., 146, 230.

¹ From the original minute (S.R.O. P5/3/171).

² Struck off the list.

Bryan, Bryand, *see* Briand.

Budd : Jo., 334, 423, 425, 454.

Carter : Jo., 142 ; 159-60 const. ; 166, 168, 171, 173-4, 183, 185 ; 194-5, 198-200 const. ; 212 ; 215 survr ; 227-8 ; 237, 239-45 ovr ; 246, 250, 261-2, 268-70 ; 272-5, 278-81, 283, 285-9, 291-6, 298-301 chwn ; 302-3, 313-14, 316-18, 334-5, 338, 394, 398, 400-2, 404, 410, 412-13, 420-2, 430, 444 ; Ri., 13, 18, 41 ; 48, 50-3 ovr ; 63, 69, 191, 219, 227.

Castell, Castill : Sam., Esq., 270, 273, 279, 430, 443, 454.

Chainey : Wi., 190 ; 204, 206 const. ; 211 ; 213, 215-19 ovr ; 225, 228, 236, 245 ; 247-8, 251 ovr ; 252-3, 255, 259, 262, 310, 317, 320,¹ 321, 324, 326, 328, 330, 335.

Chalkhill : Wi., 343, 356.

Chamberlain, Chamberlaine, Chamberlayne : Geo., Esq., 340, 343, 353, 367-71, 374-5, 377, 387-90 ; 391 ovr ;² 392, 394-6, 398-9, 401-5, 410-11, 413-15, 420-2, 425-8, 430 ; 431 chwn ; 432-3, 435-6 ; 437 chwn ; 438-9, 441, 445, 447-8 ; 449-50 chwn ; 451, 454.

Chambers : Zachary, Esq., 2-4, 6, 15-17, 28, 33, 35, 37, 39, 47, 49, 57, 61, 67, 71 ; 73 survr ; 78-80 ; 82 survr ; 85-6, 93, 103, 115, 123, 130, 144, 146, 157, 168, 175, 192.

Chesterman : Jo., 207-11 ovr ; 214.

Chick : Ro., 338.

Coatsworth : Wi., 72 ; 104, 106-10 ovr ; 113, 115, 161, 166.

Cogger : Jo., 334 ; Th. (I), 13 ovr ; 68, 72, 78, 199, 201 ; Th. (II), 338.³

Cole : Ro., 1.

Cook, Cooke : Ri., 427, 429-30, 440, 453-4 ; Wi., 425.

Cooksey, Cookesey : Holland, Esq., 315-16, 320, 322 ; Rev. Jo., 2-5, 13, 16-17, 22, 30, 35, 46, 67, 78, 93-4, 104, 113, 115-16, 121, 123, 130-1, 141-2, 146, 156-7, 164-5, 168, 175, 177, 181-2, 191-2, 221-4, 227, 246, 269-71, 280, 285, 288, 293, 300-1, 306.

Coote : Edw., 430 ; Ja., 267, 271, 278, 288, 328, 334, 341, 343, 353, 373, 377-8, 414, 435, 451 ; Jo., 429.

Cushnie : Wi. (for Hon. Jo. Spencer), 141.

Dalglish : Ja., 425, 440, 443, 448, 452-4.

Dicker : Jo., 420-1, 424, 429-30, 443 ; Th., 444, 451-2 ; 453 ovr ; 454.

Dowdeswell : Geo., Geo. Hc., 320, 334, 343, 353.

Eades, Edes : Edw., 353-4, 356, 363-4, 369, 371,⁴ 373-4, 383, 386, 389-90, 392-3, 395-6, 398-9, 401, 403, 405-10, 412-15, 417-19, 422 ; 424 ovr ;⁵ 425, 427, 429-30, 433, 435, 440, 442-5, 448, 454 ; Ja. sen., 1, 3 ; Ja., 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 14, 24, 37, 40, 58, 71, 137, 142, 172, 195-8, 205-6, 210, 216, 219-21, 243, 248, 254, 257, 267 ; Wi., 371,⁴ 372, 380, 412-13, 419, 422, 424-5, 430, 433, 442-5, 448, 452-4.

¹ Struck off the list in the original minute (S.R.O. P5/3/127).

² From the original minute (S.R.O. P5/3/193).

³ Th. Cogger I d. 18 Oct. 1775. Th. Cogger II d. 15 Oct. 1802 (*Mon. Inscr.*, p. 50).

⁴ The vestry book names Wi. Eades but the original minute gives Edward (S.R.O. P5/3/176).

⁵ From the original minute (S.R.O. P5/3/220).

Edwards : Jo., 258-62 ovr ; 266-7, 269, 279-82, 285, 291, 293-6, 298-302, 304-10, 313-14, 316-18, 320-1, 324-6 ; 327 survr ; 328, 330-6, 338, 341-4, 346-7, 351-2, 354-6, 360, 363, 365, 371-2, 374 ; 375-6 chwn ; 377, 379-83, 385 ; 386 chwn ; 387-8, 390 ; 391 *chwn* ;¹ 392-6, 398, 400, 402, 405-9, 412-13, 416, 419-21, 424-5, 431, 433, 435, 438-40, 442, 446, 448-51, 454 ; Ri., Esq., 2, 5, 115.

Elmns : Wi., 82, 83-4, 93 M.

Everatt : Wi., 258, 261, 263, 295-6, 353 ; 354 *ovr* ;² 355-6, 367-8, 425.

Eyles : Jo., 60 ; Jo., Esq., 334, 340, 343, 345, 352-3.

Fowler : Mrs —, 277,³ 280,³ 282.³

Freeman : Jos., 69, 71, 75, 88 ; 129-40 ovr ; 145, 152, 154, 163 ; 207 ovr.

Gaire : Ri., Esq., 231, 271, 288, 295, 300, 320, 334, 338, 343, 353, 356-8, 361-3, 370-2 ; 373 *chwn* ;⁴ 377-9, 382-3, 387-8, 392, 397, 404-5, 448, 450.

Goddard, Godard, Goddart : Th., 215 ; 220-5, 227-9 ovr ; 234 ; 235 survr ; 236-7 ; 239-40 survr ; 241-5 ; 247-8, 250-7 chwn ; 258-9, 261-2, 266-7 ; 268-9, 275, 278 const. ; 285, 287-8, 353-4, 390-2, 397, 400.

Gonston, Gonstone : Ri., 441 ; Wi., 237, 239-45 ovr ; 250 ; 252-62 chwn ; 263-4, 266-7, 270, 273, 278, 279, 281, 287-9, 291, 294-6, 298-300, 304, 309, 314, 316, 320, 328, 331-2, 334, 338, 341, 343, 346, 349, 352-3 ; 354 *ovr* ;² 355-6, 359, 361-8, 370-3, 375-9, 386, 388, 392, 396-8, 400-1, 403-5, 407-8, 410-14, 417, 420-1, 423-6, 428-32, 436-7, 440-7, 449, 451-4.

Goodenough, Goodenoughf : Jos., 175, 189.

Goodinge : Th., 22.

Graham : Jo., Esq., 393.

Griffeths : Jo. (for the guardians of Hon. Jo. Spencer), 81, 107.

Grosvenor : Th., Esq., 223.

Harding : He., 58 hdbh ; 65, 177.

Harrise : Ri., 4 chwn ; 8 ; Wi., 18, 21-2, 29-31, 33, 39, 51, 60 M.

Haydon, Hayden, Haydone : Geo., 3-14 chwn ; 15-23, 26, 28-37, 39, 41-8, 51, 53 ; 54-63 ovr ; 64, 66-71, 75-6, 78, 80, 82, 84, 88-90, 93 ; 99 survr ; 101-3 ; 107, 109, 111-20 chwn ; 121 ; 125-6 const. ; 129-34, 139-40 ; 159, 161-4 ovr ; 165, 168-73, 175 ; 176-81, 183-90 chwn ; 194, 201, 210.

Hays : Ben., Esq., 5, 8, 34, 46, 67, 93-4, 106 ; 113-16 ovr ; 121, 123, 130-1, 168, 246, 269, 285, 288 ; 289-91, 298-301 chwn ; 302-3, 311, 313-15, 317-19, 321-4, 331-2, 334, 340-1, 343-5, 367-9, 371, 382, 401-2, 409, 414, 426-8 ; Mrs Margaret, 280,³ 282,³ 290.

Herron : Mrs —, 280,³ 282.³

Hierons, Irons : Jo., 401-17, 420-4, 429-30, 435, 443, 448, 451-2, 454.

Hobbs : Ralph, 453.

Hopkins : Ben. Bond, Esq., 340, 343, 345, 353, 367, 370-4, 377-8, 385 ; 391 *chwn* ;¹ 396, 404, 425, 436, 454 ; Th., 120-1 survr ; 124, 129, 135-6, 138, 142-3, 145, 147, 150-1, 154 ; 157, 159, 161-4 ovr ; 165, 168-9, 171-2 ;

¹ From the original minute (S.R.O. P5/3/193).

² From the original minute (S.R.O. P5/3/157).

³ Struck off the list.

⁴ From the original minute (S.R.O. P5/3/177).

- 173, 175-6 const. ; 178, 181 ; 183-5, 187-201 chwn ; 202, 205-6, 210, 216, 224-5 ; 230-2, 234-6 ovr ; 243, 245.
- Hotham : Sir Ri., Knt, 270, 303, 326, 334, 340, 414,¹ 430-1, 451, 454.
- Houlton : Wi. (for the guardians of Hon. Jo. Spencer), 71.
- Hudson : Jos., Esq., 367, 370-2, 374, 376-8, 393, 401, 410-11, 422, 427, 430, 433, 443, 446-8, 454.
- Humphrey, Humphry, Humphreys : Jo., 259, 262, 265 const. ; 291-6, 298-300 ovr ; 301, 304-7 ; 308 ovr ;² 309-10, 312-20, 324, 326, 328-9, 332-4, 336-8, 341-6 ; 349 survr ; 350-4, 356-7 ; Wi., 64-70, 72-5 ovr ; 78, 83-5.
- Hutchins : Jo., 155.
- Inward : Ja., 11, 13 const. ; 19, 38, 51, 60, 74 ; Jo., 23, 30 ovr.
- Ireland : Wi., 124 ; 125-6, 128-9, 131, 132-6, 138-40 hdbh ; 141-56 ovr ; 159-81 chwn ; 182 chwn & ovr ; 183-90 ovr ; 191-4, 196, 202 ; 203-4 survr ; 205-10 ; 212, 214, 216-19 ovr ; 220, 225.
- Irons, *see* Hierons.
- Ivatt : Ri., Esq., 157, 182 ; Wi., Esq., 78.
- Jackson : Fra., Esq., 78 ; Wi., Esq., 2-5, 17, 34-5, 37, 46 ; 47 ovr ; 71, 78-9.
- Jennings, Jenings : Ja., 63-4, 66-7, 70-2, 74-6, 78, 82, 87, 89-90, 93, 98, 100-1, 104 ; 107, 110-12 survr ; 117, 124 ; 126, 128-9 hdbh ; 130, 132-4, 137-40, 142, 144, 147-9 ; 247-53, 255-8, 261-4, 266-9 ovr ;³ 272, 275 ; Wi. (I), 2-3, 5, 7-8, 10-20, 22-4, 26-7, 29 ; 31-43 ovr ; 44-50 ; 51-3 const. ; Wi. (II), 55-6, 58-69, 71, 72,⁴ 73-4 ; 90-2, 94, 96-8, 100-3 ovr ; 104-9, 111-18, 122-6, 128-39 ; 141-6, 148-57 chwn ; 159-71, 173, 175-8 ; 179-84 const. ; 185-6, 188-99 ; 201-4, 206 ovr ; 207, 209-15 ; 217-25, 228-32, 234-5 survr ; 237 ; 239 chwn & survr ; 240-7, 249-51 chwn ; 252, 254-61, 263-8, 272-5, 288, 291, 299-304, 310, 317, 320-1, 328, 330, 334, 338 ; Wi. (III), 393-4, 398, 403-5, 407-23 ; 424 ovr ;⁵ 425, 427, 429-30, 433, 440, 442, 444-5, 448, 450, 452-4.⁶
- Kersteman, Kesterman : Rev. [Andrews],⁷ 403-4, 415.
- Kirby : Swift, Svift, 3-4 ; 5-7, 10-13, 15-23 chwn ; 24, 27, 30-1 ; 36-8, 41, 46, 49 const. ; 51-2, 55-6, 63, 65-7, 69, 72, 74, 78, 84, 87, 90 ; 91-4, 96-8, 100-1, 103-10, 112 chwn ; 113, 115, 125 ; 175-81 ovr ; 182 ; 213-14, 219-25, 227-9 chwn ; 230, 234.
- Lawrence, Lawrance, Laurence : Wi., Esq., 221-4, 230, 246-7, 267, 270-1, 273-4, 276, 279, 285, 288-94, 300-2, 307 ; 308 ovr ;² 310, 324-6, 329, 332, 335-6, 341, 343-6, 367-70, 373 ; Mrs —, 282.⁸
- Levy : Moses Isaac, Esq., 280, 293, 353, 431.

¹ Described as a baronet.

² From the original minute (S.R.O. P5/3/116).

³ As workhouse master Ja. Jennings was an *ex officio* overseer.

⁴ From the original minute (S.R.O. P5/3/14).

⁵ From the original minute (S.R.O. P5/3/220).

⁶ Wi. Jennings I d. before 7 May 1749 (see note to no. 54). Wi. Jennings II d. 26 July 1784. Wi. Jennings III d. 24 Apr. 1822 (*Mon. Inscr.*, p. 36).

⁷ Christian name from *W.P.R.*, p. 116.

⁸ Struck off the list.

Lewis, Lewise : Th., Esq., 46, 67 ; 80-1, 83 ovr ;¹ 93-4, 104-6, 114-16, 144, 146 ; Miss —, 290, 318.
 Littlehales, Littlehale : Baker Jo., Esq., 191-2, 202.
 Lowe : Geo., 250 const. ; 256, 267, 289 ; Ro., 443.

McKenzie : Jo., 443, 448, 454.

Manders, Mander : Harry, Harry Dan., Esq., 270, 320.

Marshall : Wi., 142, 154, 163 ; 165-74 ovr ; 175, 179-80.

Martin : Jo., 215 ; 220-5, 227-9 ovr ; 234, 236, 244-6, 249,² 251, 256, 258, 261-2 ; 263-9, 271-4, 278-9, 281-8 chwn ; 289, 299, 320,³ 341, 369-70, 372 ; 373 ovr ;⁴ 374 ; 375-6 ovr ; 377-83, 385, 389, 392, 397.

Mason, Mayson : Sam., 248 const. ; 250, 258, 267-73, 275-83, 285, 287-9, 291, 295-6, 298, 300-3, 305-7, 309-10, 313, 317, 320 ;⁵ 322 ovr ; 325-6, 328-32 ; 333 ovr ;⁵ 334-7, 340-2, 344-7, 349, 351-5, 357-8, 360-2, 365, 369-71, 373, 376-8, 380-3, 385-8, 391-3, 395, 397, 399-400, 402-4, 406-9, 411-14, 416-20, 422-4, 427, 429-30, 433, 435, 443, 448, 450-4.

Medcalf : Geo., Esq., 94.

Morris, Morrise : Corbyn, Esq., 192, 202, 223-4, 230, 246, 267, 270-1, 273-4, 276-7, 279-83, 285, 288-90, 292-5, 297-8 ; 300-1 survr ; 302-6, 308-21 ; 322, 324-5, 327 chwn ; 330-2, 334 ; 335 chwn ; 336, 340-1, 343, 346-7 ; Mrs —, 277,⁶ 280,⁶ 282,⁶ 290, 318.

Murfett, Murfitt : Jo., 22 ovr ; 66-8, 71-2, 75-6, 78, 81, 89 chwn.

Nettleton : Ro., 320, 334, 337, 343, 356, 361-2, 372, 383, 393-6, 399, 403, 409-10, 452-3.

Nichols : Th., 65 const.

Oxlade : Ri., 320, 328, 334.

Pace : Ch., 161 hdbh ; 182-90 ovr ; 193-4, 196, 199, 202, 208 ; 209 const. ; 215, 220, 228, 234 ; Th., 53, 117.

Parker : Dan., 365, 373 ; 376 const. ;⁷ Ro., 371, 374, 376 ;⁷ —, 388.

Parsons : Edw., 353.

Paterson : Jo., 35, 37-40, 42-3, 46-51, 53-4, 56, 60, 65, 67, 71 ; 76, 78-82, 84-9 ovr ; 90, 92, 96, 98, 107-9 ; 113-14, 116-17, 119-22, 124-6, 128 chwn ; 130, 132-3, 135, 137 ; 141-56 ovr ; 164-5, 172 ; 173 survr ; 174, 177, 179-81, 186, 190 ; 191-3, 195-6, 198-200, 203-6 chwn ; 207-12, 214, 219, 221-2, 227 ; 232 survr ; 236, 242, 246, 248, 254.

Patterson : Ben., 303, 372, 414, 420, 425, 429-31, 438.

Peacock : Ri., 224-5 ; 258-62 ovr ; 264, 266, 268-9, 272, 341, 343-4, 349, 352-3, 356, 376-83 ; 386 const. ; 387-8, 391-2, 395, 397-400, 402-4, 406-10, 412-23 ; 424 chwn ;⁸ 425, 427-8, 429-30 ; 431 chwn ; 432, 435-6 ; 437 chwn ; 438, 439-40, 442 ; 443 chwn ; 444 ; 448, 450-3 chwn ; 454.

¹ Represented by Ch. Pigott.

² From the original minute (S.R.O. P5/3/68).

³ Struck off the list in the original minute (S.R.O. P5/3/127).

⁴ From the original minute (S.R.O. P5/3/177).

⁵ From the original minute (S.R.O. P5/3/139).

⁶ Struck off the list.

⁷ Dan. Parker is noted as signing the minute but Ro. Parker is named in the list of vestrymen.

⁸ From the original minute (S.R.O. P5/3/220).

Pickernail : Edw., 5.

Pigott, Piggot, Piggott : Ch., Ch. Newsham,¹ 4-13 ovr ; 14-15, 17, 19, 22-23 ; 24, 26-53 chwn ; 54-66, 68-9, 72, 74-6, 78, 81-2, 83,² 84, 86, 88-94, 98, 116-17, 119-20, 122-3 ; 125-6, 128-35 survr ; 136-8, 140, 142-4, 146-7, 149-57, 159-77, 179-80, 182, 185, 187-90, 194-9, 201, 203 ; 204-8 high const. ; 210, 212-20, 225, 227, 229 ;³ 231-2, 234-6 ovr ; 237, 241-3, 245-7, 249-50, 252-4, 256-8, 260-1, 264-6 ; 267-9 survr ; 270-1, 275-304, 306-20, 326-34, 336 ; 337 chwn ; 338, 341-7 ; 349 chwn ; 350-3 ; 354 chwn ;⁴ 355-73, 375-83, 385 ; 386-91 ovr ; 392-3, 395-401, 404-7, 409-11, 413, 415, 420, 423-5, 427-33, 435-9, 441-51, 453-4.

Pigou : Fre., Esq., 393.

Potter : Wi., 253, 334 ; 337 survr ; 346, 353, 371-3, 376, 380.

Randolph : Rev. Herbert, 332-5, 338-41, 343, 347, 352-3, 355-7, 360-75, 377-9, 383, 385-93, 395-6, 398-401, 405-14, 420-36, 439, 441-54.

Richards : Biss, Esq., 71.

Rose : Ja., 353, 395, 401-3, 406, 410, 416-17 ; Wi., 260-2 ; 263-4, 266-9 ovr ; 271-4, 276-90, 292-5, 297-307 ; 308 chwn ;⁵ 309-10, 312, 314-19 ; 320-2, 324-7 chwn ; 328-32 ; 333 chwn ;⁶ 334, 336-8, 342, 344-5, 347, 349-53, 355-7, 359-67, 369-78, 380-3, 386, 388-92, 394-6, 399-402, 406, 408-10, 416, 444, 452-3.

Rowsell, Rowsell : Jo., 272, 274 ; Th., 50-2, 56-7, 61, 66, 71 ; 75, 82 hdbh ; 85, 91, 93 ; 121 survr ; 128, 132, 137 ; 139-40, 142, 145, 147-8, 150 const. ; 152, 161, 168, 171, 183, 188 ; 215-16 survr ; 219, 221-2, 227-8, 230-1, 234, 241, 250, 257-8, 261-3.

Rush : Sam., Esq., 116, 141, 270-1, 273, 285, 291-5, 299, 301-2, 304-5, 307-8, 310, 312-19, 321 ; 322-7 survr ; 329, 331-2, 334-6, 339-41, 344-7, 359 ; Wi., Wi. Beaumaris, Esq., 403-7, 414, 420-2, 428.

Sanders : Th., 453 ovr.

Sandford, Sanford : Jo., 420, 430, 448, 452.

Sawkins : Th., 67, 71-2, 75-6, 79-82, 84, 89, 92, 96-8 ; 99 survr ; 100-1, 104-5, 108-9, 111 ; 113-15, 117-19 ovr ; 120, 122, 126, 129 ; 132-4, 136-7, 140-2, 144, 146-50 chwn ; 151-3, 156, 161, 164, 169, 175, 180-1.

Screase : Ch., Esq., 78.

Service : Ja., 333-5, 338, 353.

Shrimpton : Jos., Esq., 304.

Smith : Th., 343-4.

Smithers : Ja., 334.

Solomon, Solomone : Jo., 3-4 const. ; 8-9, 12 ; 14-22 ovr ; 23, 26-8, 30.

Southouse, Suthers : Wi., Esq., 34-5, 46, 78-9, 82, 94, 104, 113-14, 130, 141, 146, 157, 191-2, 221-4, 230, 246-7, 270-1, 273-4, 276, 279, 285-6, 288-95, 297, 300, 304-9, 311-12, 315, 317-21, 324-5, 327, 329, 334-6, 341, 344-5, 347, 353, 356, 359-60, 363-4, 367, 369-71, 377-8, 393, 398, 403, 406, 420.

¹ He is named as Ch. Pigott up to no. 117 and as Ch. Newsham Pigott almost consistently thereafter.

² Representing Th. Lewise ovr.

³ From the original minute (S.R.O. P5/3/57).

⁴ From the original minute (S.R.O. P5/3/157).

⁵ From the original minute (S.R.O. P5/3/116).

⁶ From the original minute (S.R.O. P5/3/139).

Spencer : Hon. Jo., Guardians of, *see* Cushnie, Griffeths, Houlton ; Lord, 319 ; Lady, 318.

Stackhouse : Ja., 109.

Steele : Ja., 440 ; Jo., 425.

Stent : Ja., 334 ; Wi., 403.

Stiles : Ben., 1 hdbh.

Suthers, *see* Southouse.

Tegg : Th., 267, 269, 272, 284, 289 ; 296 const. ; 334.

Terry : Edw., 46-8, 51, 55, 59-60, 69 ; Jo., 407, 409-17, 420-3, 425, 430, 433, 440, 443 ; 445 ovr ; 450-1, 453-4 ; Wi. (I), 44-63 ovr ; 64, 67, 70-2, 76 ; 78-85, 87-93, 96-9, 103 chwn ; 105, 108-9, 112, 117-18, 124-6, 128, 130, 132 ; 136-7 survr ; 142-5, 147 ; 153-4 const. ; 159-60, 165 ; 169-70, 173-4 chwn ; 188, 219 ; Wi. (II), 267, 270, 275-6, 278, 298, 300-1, 305-7, 320, 328, 331-4, 337, 343, 349, 352-4, 369, 377, 386, 399, 401-3, 405-6, 409, 411, 413-15, 422, 425, 427, 429, 433, 435, 443-4.¹

Till : Ri., 1 chwn ; 2-3, 5, 7-13 ; 15-24, 26-30 chwn ; 32, 37-55, 60-1, 74.

Townsend : Jos., 38 hdbh ; 55, 59, 61 M.

Trevour : Fra., 64-7, 69, 70, 71, 72-3, 75 ovr ; 76, 78, 83-4, 92, 102, 104, 109, 131 M.

Trotman : Wi., Esq., 270.

Turner : Th., 252.

Underwood : Ja., 267, 270, 285-6, 289, 326, 334, 353, 369, 377, 380 M.

Waddy : Jo., 425, 430, 443-4, 448, 452, 454.

Walker : Hon. Th., 2, 4, 6 ; 34-5, 37, 39, 42 chwn ; 46 ; Wi., 129, 131, 140 ovr ; 145 ; 204, 206-9, 211 chwn ; 337.

Watney, Whatney, Watny : Dan., 3-5, 7-8, 10-11, 17, 19-21 ; 23-4, 26-30 ovr ; 32-3, 36-9, 41-4 ; 45-55, 57-64 chwn ; 66-9, 71, 76, 84-7 ; 89-90, 93, 96, 98, 100-1 const. ; 104-5, 107-8, 113, 116-17, 119-20 ; 121, 123-5, 126, 128-40 chwn ; 146-9, 151-3, 155, 161-3 ; 165-74 ovr ; 175-6, 178-83, 187-93, 197-8, 205-6 ; 207-19 chwn ; 221-2, 224-5, 228-9, 236 ; 263, 265-8 ovr ; 270-1, 277, 280, 282 ; Jo., 261-2, 264, 267,² 268-70 ; 273, 276-7, 279-83, 285-8 ovr ; 291, 293-4, 300, 303, 316-17, 330-2, 334, 336 ; 337 survr ; 338, 340, 342-6 ; 349 survr ; 351-3, 355-7, 359, 365, 367-70, 373, 376, 380, 383, 386, 390-6 ; 397 chwn ; 399-417, 419-20, 423-4, 427, 429-31, 433, 435, 437, 440, 442-8, 450-4 ; Th., 251 ; 252, 256-7 ovr ; 259, 261-2, 265, 267-9, 282-3, 288, 297 ; 300-1 survr ; 303-4, 309-10, 315, 317, 320,³ 326, 334-8, 341, 343, 352-3 ; 354 *chwn* ;⁴ 355-65 ; 366 *chwn* ;⁵ 367-73, 378-9, 381-3, 386-8, 391, 394, 403, 407-8, 412, 424-5, 427, 429-30, 450-4 ; Wi., 186 ; 193-8, 200 ovr ; 201-2, 208, 215 ; 219 const. ; 221-2, 225 ; 258-9, 261-3, 265-9 chwn ; 275, 278, 288, 320, 334 ; 335-7 ovr ; 338, 340-7 ; 349 ovr ; 350-4, 356, 359, 369-70, 373, 376, 388, 390-1, 393, 396-7, 400, 402-4, 412, 423, 425, 427, 429-30, 435, 443-4, 448, 450-4.

¹ Wi. Terry I d. 26 Sept. 1769 (*Mon. Inscr.*, p. 2). Wi. Terry II was buried 14 May 1802 (*W.P.R.*).

² From the original minute (S.R.O. P5/3/107).

³ Struck off the list in the original minute (S.R.O. P5/3/127).

⁴ From the original minute (S.R.O. P5/3/157).

⁵ From the original minute (S.R.O. P5/3/171).

Watts : Th., 334, 338.

Wilberforce : Wi., Esq. (I), 114-15, 144, 146, 157, 168, 175, 182, 191-2, 276-7, 279 ; Wi., Esq. (II), 409.¹

Wilson, Wilsonn : Ch., Ch. Edw., 412-14, 420-2, 424-6, 433, 435-6, 438-9, 442-6, 450-1, 453-4 ; Jo., 58 hdbh ; 78, 84 ; 90-3, 96-7, 99-103 ovr ; 104-5, 108, 120.

Winchester : Edw., 51, 66 ; 107, 110, 112 survr ; 116 ovr ; 117 ; 120-6, 128 ovr ; 133-6, 139, 142, 144, 148-9 ; 151-7, 159-65, 167-8 chwn ; 171, 173, 177, 186, 193-4 ; 195 survr ; 198 ; 201-2, 204-6 ovr ; 208, 210-11, 215, 219, 221-2, 228-9 ; 230-1, 234, 236-7, 239-46 chwn ; 248, 250, 257, 259, 261-8, 270 ; 272-3, 275, 278-9, 283-5, 287-8 ovr ; 289, 294-5, 385-6, 388, 392 ; He., 1 ovr.

Withem : Jo., 407, 420-2.

Woodman : Th., 334, 454.

Wray : Th., 31-43 ovr ; 104-12 ovr ; 113, 115, 119, 161, 166, 170 ; 193-5, 197-8, 200 ovr ; 205, 209, 211, 216, 219, 229, 236 ; 253, 256-7 ovr ; 259, 262.

Young : Ja., 218 survr ; 221-3.

¹ Wi. Wilberforce I, uncle of Wi. Wilberforce II M.P. and philanthropist, was buried 22 Nov. 1777 (*W.P.R.*).

APPENDIX 1b

OVERSEERS OF THE POOR

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| 1743-4 | William Boddicott Charles Pigott | 1762-3 | Charles Pace William Ireland |
| 1744-5 | Thomas Cogger Charles Pigott | 1763-4 | Thomas Wray William Watney |
| 1745-6 | John Solomon John Murfett | 1764-5 | William Jennings Edward Winchester |
| 1746-7 | Daniel Watney John Inward | 1765-6 | Joseph Freeman John Chesterman |
| 1747-8 | William Jennings Thomas Wray | 1766-7 | William Chainey William Ireland |
| 1748-9 | William Jackson Esq. ¹ Richard Carter William Terry | 1767-8 | Thomas Goddard John Martin |
| 1749-50 | George Haydon William Terry | 1768-9 | Charles Newsham Pigott Thomas Hopkins |
| 1750-1 | William Humphreys Francis Trevour | 1769-70 | William Gonston John Carter |
| 1751-2 | John Paterson Thomas Lewise Esq. | 1770-1 | John Bridger Esq. William Chainey James Jennings |
| 1752-3 | John Wilson William Jennings | 1771-2 | Thomas Watney Thomas Wray James Jennings |
| 1753-4 | Thomas Wray William Coatsworth ² | 1772-3 | John Edwards Richard Peacock James Jennings |
| 1754-5 | Benjamin Hays Esq. Thomas Sawkins | 1773-4 | William Rose Daniel Watney James Jennings |
| 1755-6 | Edward Winchester | 1774-5 | John Watney Edward Winchester James Jennings ³ |
| 1756-7 | William Walker Joseph Freeman | 1775-6 | John Bridger Esq. John Humphries or Humphrey |
| 1757-8 | John Paterson William Ireland | 1776-7 | William Lawrence Esq. John Humphrey |
| 1758-9 | John Paterson William Ireland | 1777-8 | William Lawrence Esq. Samuel Mason |
| 1759-60 | George Haydon Thomas Hopkins | | |
| 1760-1 | Daniel Watney William Marshall | | |
| 1761-2 | William Boddicott Swift Kirby | | |

¹ Terry seems to have acted as overseer instead of Jackson at some meetings (Appendix Ia).

² The overseers for this year were not chosen from the list of names submitted to the justices (no. 103).

³ Jennings was workhouse master during the years he was appointed as a third overseer.

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| 1778-9 | John Eyles Esq. William Watney | 1783-4 | George Chamberlaine Esq. Charles Newsham Pigott |
| 1779-80 | John Eyles Esq. William Watney | 1784-5 | Robert Nettleton |
| 1780-1 | William Gonston William Everatt | 1785-6 | John Irons James Rose |
| 1781-2 | George Bond Esq. Benjamin Bond Hopkins Esq. | 1786-7 | William Jennings Edward Eades |
| 1782-3 | Samuel Castill Esq. John Martin | 1787-8 | Benjamin Patterson John Terry |
| | | 1788-9 | Thomas Dicker Thomas Saunders |

APPENDIX II

SELECTIVE SUMMARY LIST OF WIMBLEDON PARISH RECORDS DEPOSITED IN THE SURREY RECORD OFFICE ¹

Registers :—Baptisms, 1538/9–1885 ; marriages, 1594–1837 ; burials, 1593–1871, 1876–1901 (19 vols.).

Income and Property of the Benefice :—Lists of Easter offerings with related papers, 1803–19 ; conveyance of land for extension of churchyard, 1783 ; copy conveyances of site for new church at Spencer Hill [St John the Baptist], 1867 & 1871.

Churchwardens :—Church rate assessment and collection books, 1794, 1804, 1812–13, 1839–45, 1865–7, 1881–2, 1901–11 (22 vols.) ; account book, 1792–1871 ; accounts and vouchers, 1741–1869 (56 bundles) ; abstracts of accounts with vouchers, 1901–17 (6 bundles) ; papers concerning repairs and alterations to church, 1758, 1818–20, 1840–1. Perambulation of the parish, 1813.

Vestry :—Original and draft minutes etc. (to 1778 mostly signed) 8 March 1735/6, 1744–86, 1805–17, 1819–35 (477 sheets) ; minute books, 1743–88, 1788–1806, 1806–23, 1823–49, 1849–85 (5 vols.).

Select Vestry :—Minutes, 1820–6 (127 sheets) ; minute book, 1820–6.

Overseers of the Poor :—Poor rate assessment and collection books, 1780–1, 1786, 1795–7, 1808–11 (including church and highway rates), 1821–36, 1832–3, 1835 (11 vols.) ; account books, 1750–94, 1793–1811, 1812–36 (3 vols.) ; accounts and vouchers, 1739–1836 (112 bundles) ; settlement and removal orders, appeals, bastardy bonds, examinations etc., 1694–1842 (127 documents) ; examinations book, 1740–88. Workhouse : matron's account of disbursements, 1775–6 ; register, 1811–25 ; contracts for supplies, 1827–34 ; case for the opinion of the attorney general, 1838. Apprenticeship papers, 1691–1890 (147 documents). Papers relating to revisions of voters' lists, 1839–46 (155 documents).

Parish Clerk :—Papers of John Castle, schoolmaster and parish clerk, and others, relating to parish affairs, schools and personal matters, 1790–1835 (12 bundles) ; account book, 1800.

Surveyors of Highways :—Highway rate books, 1787–91, 1807–8, 1810, 1819–20, 1837 (7 vols.) ; highway duty and composition books, 1797–8, 1798–9 ; vouchers, 1753–95, 1804–44 (with accounts), 1856–64 (47 bundles).

Charities :—Lady Dorothy Cecil : copy Chancery decree, 1744/5 ; proceedings and accounts of trustees, 1745–1851 (1 vol.) ; accounts, 1851–65 ; schedule of deeds, 1908. De Visme : account book, 1800–65 ; other papers, 1860, 1904–30. Mrs Elizabeth Simon and Mrs Charlotte Marryat : accounts for legacies, 1823–65 (Simon), 1856–64 (Marryat). William Gonston and

¹ Copies of the complete list (P5) may be consulted at the Record Office, the offices of the National Register of Archives and the Wimbledon Public Library.

- John Johnson : accounts, 1831-65 (Gonston), 1856-65 (Johnson). George Bray : 9 letters, 1853-9. All charities : papers and accounts, 1836-71, 1905-32.
- Schools :—8 documents in dispute between Robert Johnson, teacher at the Charity School, and the overseers, 1761-8. National School : minute and account book, 1773-1839 ; various papers including printed reports of Parochial Schools Committee with accounts, 1873-83, 1894-1903.
- Militia :—List of subscribers, 1796-7 ; orders for payments to militiamen and letters, 1798-1811. Cavalry Volunteers : subscription list, 1800-2 ; notices, 1810. Infantry Volunteers : papers concerning arms and equipment, 1803 ; minutes of meeting of subscribers, 1804.
- Tithes :—Copy of decision on boundary between the parishes of Wimbledon and Putney, with plan, 1846 ; instrument of apportionment of tithe rent charge and map, 1851 ; 16 altered apportionments, 1859-1935 ; 66 tithe redemption certificates, 1864-1932.
- Wimbledon Friendly Society :—Account book, 1776-87 ; rules and list of members, 1794 ; letters and other papers, 1763-1831 (83 documents) ; 23 monthly subscription lists, 1805-21 ; accounts and vouchers, 1814-19, 1830-1.
- Watch :—Minutes of meeting of subscribers for patrol on Common, 1796 ; quarterly subscription book in support of nightly watch, 1804-6.
- Aqueduct Committee :—Minutes, 1844.

APPENDIX III^a

COPY EXAMINATION AS TO SETTLEMENT,
[1744]

(no. 28 in the Wimbledon Examinations Book, S.R.O. P5/5/208)

The Examination of Edward Tyner

This Examt. upon his Oath saith that abt. 18 years ago he hired himself to Live as a Hired servt. by the year to One Benja. Smith of the parish of Wimbledon yeoman at Six Pounds a year Wages, saith he Continued with his sd. Master In the sd. parish of Wimbledon One year and a half under the above Contract & recd. his sd. wages accordingly, Saith that he has Lived Ever since In the hamlet of Rowhampton & in the parish of Wandsworth In the sd. County of Surry but did not gain any Legall Settlemt. In Either of the two Last Mentiond Places, Either by Paying the Poors Rate, Renting Lands or Tenemts. of the yrly. Value of ten Pounds, Serving any Parochial Office, or by any other Means Whatsoever. Saith that abt. 16 years ago he Inter Married with Elizabeth his now Wife by whom he hath had two Children, both now Living, Namely Elizabeth aged ten years & upwards & Edward aged three yrs. & upwards.

Not sworn.

the Mark of

X

Edward Tyner

APPENDIX IIIb

OVERSEERS' ACCOUNTS, 1750-1¹

(from S.R.O. P5/5/8)

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Surry to Wit

An Account of the Receipts and Disburstments of Mr William Humphreys and Mr Frances Trevour Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of Wimbledon in the Said County Commenceing May the 5th 1750 and Ending May the 4th 1751 Exclusive 52 Weeks.

| | | | |
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| The above Said Overseers Dr to the Parish | £ | s. | d. |
| Vize. Received on the Assessment on the first book att 1s. in the pound | 120 | 12 | 4 |
| Received on the Assessment on the Second book at 8d. in the pound | 79 | 0 | 10 ³ / ₄ |
| | £199 | 13 | 2 ³ / ₄ |

The above Said Overseers Disburstd for the use of the Poor &c.
for the above said year . . . by Frances Trevour . . .

| | weeks | s. | d. | |
|-----------------------------------|-------|-------|----|-----------------|
| pd the Widdow Goldsmith | 52 | att 1 | 0 | per week 2 12 0 |
| pd the Widow Bowen | 52 | att 3 | 0 | Do. 7 16 0 |
| pd the Widow Slade | 52 | @ 2 | 0 | Do. 5 4 0 |
| pd the Widow Goose | 52 | @ 2 | 0 | Do. 5 4 0 |
| pd the Widow Brown | 2 | @ 2 | 6 | Do. 0 5 0 |
| pd Ditto | 50 | @ 2 | 0 | Do. 5 0 0 |
| pd The Widow Wilder | 52 | @ 3 | 0 | Do. 7 16 0 |
| pd The Widow Greentree | 52 | @ 2 | 0 | Do. 5 4 0 |
| pd The Widow Pace | 52 | @ 2 | 0 | Do. 5 4 0 |
| pd Eagers Girl @ Larance Fentons | 52 | @ 2 | 0 | Do. 5 4 0 |
| pd Samll Taylor | 41 | @ 3 | 0 | Do. 6 3 0 |
| pd The Widow Taylor | 11 | @ 2 | 0 | Do. 1 2 0 |
| pd Lanchesters Girl @ Dowdeswells | 52 | @ 1 | 0 | Do. 2 12 0 |
| pd Lanchesters boy @ Bowens | 52 | @ 2 | 0 | Do. 5 4 0 |
| pd John Skinner | 47 | @ 1 | 0 | Do. 2 7 0 |
| pd John Lucas | 52 | @ 1 | 0 | Do. 2 12 0 |
| pd Old English and his wife | 32 | @ 3 | 0 | Do. 4 16 0 |
| pd The Widow English | 20 | @ 2 | 0 | Do. 2 0 0 |
| pd Bingham girl att Samll English | 52 | @ 2 | 0 | Do. 5 4 0 |
| pd Margett Stone | 18 | @ 2 | 0 | Do. 1 16 0 |
| pd Auther Berry | 2 | @ 2 | 0 | Do. 0 4 0 |
| pd Mary Greenfeild | 15 | @ 1 | 0 | Do. 0 15 0 |
| pd Do. | 36 | @ 2 | 0 | Do. 3 12 0 |

¹ Lines recording sums brought forward and carried forward have been omitted.

£ s. d.

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| pd for a Quire of Paper | 0 | 0 | 10 |
| pd for 2 yards of Lincey Woolsey for Eagers Girl Lucey | 0 | 2 | 2 |
| pd for 2 capps and Making for Ditto | 0 | 2 | 10 |
| pd for 2 Handkerchiefs, 1 apron and Strings for Do. | 0 | 1 | 8 |
| pd Mr Thomas Alchin as by his order the Widow Blakes rent up to Midsummer 1750 as by receipt | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| pd for 5 Yards of Lincey Woolsey for a Gownd for Lucey Eager | 0 | 5 | 5 |
| pd for a Body Linning & for Making of Do. | 0 | 2 | 3 |
| pd for 1 Pair of Stockins for Lanchesters boy | 0 | 0 | 8 |
| pd for 1 Pair of Stockins for Bowens boy | 0 | 0 | 9 |
| pd the Goal and Hospitall Money as by Receipt | 4 | 9 | 6 |
| pd for Check and Strings for Mary Eager | 0 | 1 | 11½ |
| pd for a Tinn Kittle and Saucepan for Mary Greenfeild | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| pd for a Pair of Stockins for Mary Eager | 0 | 0 | 10 |
| pd Mr William Boddicotts Churchwardens Casuall poors bill as by Receipt and order of vestrey | 3 | 10 | 1 |
| pd att a Vestrey att Coatsworths | 0 | 5 | 3½ |
| pd William Jennings for a Bed, Bedstead, Boulster and Coverlid and Blanketts for Mary Greenfeild as by bill and Receipt | 1 | 15 | 0 |
| pd Mr Daniell Watney for the Cloathing of Mary West as by bill and Receipt | 0 | 17 | 6 |
| pd Mr Henry Cooke as by bill and Receipt for Shoes | 1 | 14 | 6 |
| pd for Cloth for Rolers and Making for Wm Westbrook | 0 | 1 | 8 |
| pd Mr Swift Kirby for Binding and for Cloaths for Bowens boy as by bill and Receipt | 3 | 3 | 0 |
| pd the Widow Wilders Half years Rent as by Receipt | 0 | 12 | 6 |
| pd for a Foulweather Coat for John Skinner | 0 | 16 | 0 |
| pd for a Pair of Stockins for Ditto | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| pd for 2 Shirts and Making for Ditto | 0 | 6 | 0 |
| pd att a Vestrey att Joseph Freemans | 0 | 2 | 6 |
| pd for a Letter from Cheame | 0 | 0 | 4 |
| pd Mr William Boddicott Church Warden as by bill and Receipt | 0 | 16 | 1 |
| pd Mr William Boddicotts Casuall poors bill as by receipt | 2 | 12 | 5 |
| pd for a Shirt and one pair of Stockins and a Handkerchief for John Mabank to go to the Hospitall | 0 | 5 | 4 |

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| pd William Jennings for Bricklayers work done att the Parish Houses as by bill and Receipt | 3 | 18 | 2 |
| pd Mr Richard Carter for Carpenters work done att the parish Houses as by Bill and Receipt | 7 | 19 | 5 |
| pd for a Body Linning & a Gownd and Two Petty Coats, Two Check Aprons & Strings and binding and Two Handker- chiefs, Two Shifts, Two pair of Stockins, and Two Capps and Making for Lanchesters Girl att Dowdeswells | 1 | 4 | 1 |
| pd Mr Danll Watney for a Pair of Leather Breeches for Lowick | 0 | 10 | 6 |
| pd Mr Webb for Cleaning and mending of Ditto | 0 | 4 | 0 |

| | £ | s. | d. |
|--|----|----|-----|
| pd for 2 Shifts, Two Handkerchiefs, Two Caps, a Upper Petty Coat and Making, Binding and Strings for Eagers Girl att fentons | 0 | 9 | 7½ |
| pd Mr Wm Boddicotts Casuall poors bill as by order of Vestrey and Receipt | 6 | 15 | 0 |
| pd att a Vestrey att James Eades in Making the Rate | 0 | 7 | 10½ |
| pd the Late Overseers as by Receipt in Arrears for the year 1749 | 19 | 2 | 10½ |
| pd for the Buirall of old English att Wandsworth | 1 | 5 | 0 |
| pd for a Quire of Paper and Covers for the Rates | 0 | 1 | 6 |
| pd Ann Feild for the Cloathing of Lewers Childreen as by order of vestrey | 0 | 10 | 6 |
| pd James Jennings for a Pair of Breeches for John Skinner | 0 | 5 | 0 |
| pd att a Vestrey att Edward Winchesters | 0 | 3 | 4½ |
| pd att Making the Rate att Richard Carters | 0 | 2 | 6 |
| pd for a Shirt for Samll Taylor | 0 | 3 | 3 |
| pd the Widow Wilders Rent as by Receipt | 0 | 12 | 6 |
| pd for Richard Lowicks Cloaths and Hatt &c. | 3 | 6 | 0 |
| pd for 9½ oz. of Worsted for Stockins for Do. | 0 | 1 | 11¾ |
| pd for a Shift for the widow Slade & Making | 0 | 3 | 1½ |
| pd for a Coat and Waistcoat, a pair of Breeches, 2 Shirts, a hat and Capp and a pair of Stockins for Lanchesters boy that is att Bowens | 0 | 13 | 10 |
| pd for a Gownd and Body Linning, 2 Shifts and Making & 8 oz. of yarn for the Widow Goose as by order of Vestrey | 0 | 16 | 9 |
| pd Mrs Ann Cockett for Bleeding of Dame Goose and Slade | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| pd for a Gownd and Boddy Linning & a Petty Coat, Strings and Bindings, Two Shifts and a Pair of Stockins for Bowens Girl | 0 | 13 | 8 |
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| pd for a Gownd and Body Linning and Petty Coat and Strings and Bindings and Making for Browns Girl | 0 | 11 | 4½ |
| pd for Cloth for Two Shifts and a Shirt for Ditto and the boy | 0 | 6 | 9½ |
| pd for 5 oz. of Yarn for Ditto | 0 | 0 | 8¾ |
| pd for a Coat for Wm Brown | 0 | 4 | 0 |
| pd for a Gownd and Body Linning and petty Coat and Strings and Bindings, 2 Capps and Making, and 1 pair of Stockins for Bingham's Girl | 0 | 10 | 10 |
| pd att a Vestrey att Wm Coatsworth | 0 | 2 | 6 |
| pd Mrs Pace for Making 2 Gounds Left unpaid in the year 1749 | 0 | 2 | 6 |
| pd Mr Wm Boddicotts Casuall poors bill as by Receipt | 5 | 15 | 7½ |
| pd Mr Henry Cook as by bill and Receipt | 2 | 0 | 4 |
| pd for a Shirt for Wm Westbrook | 0 | 3 | 3 |
| pd for a Shift for the widow Slade and Making | 0 | 3 | 1½ |
| pd for a Huswifes apron and Strings for Do. | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| pd for 5½ Yards of Genoa Sarge for a Gownd and Making and a body Linning and a Upper petty Coat and a Under petty Coat and Bindings and Strings, and Two Handkerchiefs, Two Shifts for Lucey Eager | 1 | 8 | 10 |

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| pd Jane Comblins rent as by receipt | 1 | 10 | 0 |
| pd Mr Henry Cook as by bill and receipt | 0 | 3 | 9 |
| pd for a Shift for Dame Taylor | 0 | 3 | 3 |
| pd for a Apron and Strings for Do. | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| pd att a Vestrey att Thomas Wrays in Choosing New Officers | 0 | 5 | 0 |
| pd the Goal and Hospitall Money & Expences as by receipt | 9 | 1 | 6 |
| pd Mr Thomas Rowsell Mr Hopkins rent as by receipt | 5 | 6 | 3 |
| pd Mr Wm Boddicotts Casuall poors bill as by receipt | 2 | 16 | 6 |
| pd Mr Richard Carter as by bill and receipt for John Skinners Coffin and Shroud | 0 | 15 | 0 |
| pd Mr Henry Cooke as by bill and Receipt | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| pd Mr Wm Boddicotts Casuall poors bill as by receipt | 10 | 3 | 11 |
| pd Mr Roses as by bill and receipt | 8 | 5 | 5 |
| pd the Justices Clarks bill as by receipt | 2 | 9 | 8 |
| pd for Coals, Candles, Cinnamon and Sugar for John Skinner while Ill | 0 | 1 | 6 |
| pd for this book for the Use of the Overseers of this Parish | 0 | 12 | 0 |
| To pay att Signing att the Bench of Justices | 0 | 2 | 6 |
| To pay att a Vestrey att passing this Account | 0 | 2 | 6 |
| To My attending the bench 3 times | 0 | 3 | 0 |
| | <hr/> £215 12 5 <hr/> | | |

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Disbursted by Mr William Humphreys

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| pd att a Vestrey att James Eades | 0 | 4 | 6 |
| pd att a Vestrey att Edward Winchesters | 0 | 5 | 0 |
| pd John Nichols as by bill and Receipt | 1 | 9 | 0 |
| pd for John Maybank to the Hospitall | 0 | 19 | 0 |
| pd for him to Kent Street Lock | 1 | 6 | 2 |
| pd the Waterman and Spent on him and Gave him in Want Since his Return | 0 | 3 | 2½ |
| pd the Widow Wray her Bill | 0 | 6 | ¾ |
| pd Richard Lowick for attending the Bench and for Sarving 19 Summons | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| pd Elizabeth Voaks in bread and Beer | 0 | 0 | 2½ |
| pd Auther Berry in Want | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| pd John Row in Want | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| pd Ditto more in want | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| pd Larance Fenton for Carrying George Highiam to the Almns House, also pd him for Carrying John East and his family to Hampton and Allowed the said family on the road | 0 | 4 | 6 |
| Gave John Lucas in want Severall Times | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| pd William Coatsworth for Wine and Beer for John Skinner had in his Illness | 0 | 2 | ¾ |
| pd the Widdow Bowen for Nurssing him | 0 | 5 | 0 |
| pd the parsons and Clarks fees & four Men for Carrying him to Church and for Bread, Cheese and beer had att his Buriall | 0 | 11 | 6 |
| Spent on Mrs Elcocks attending Mr Medcalf about Martha | | | |

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| Highiam and money I spent after a Warrant for the Said Highiam | 0 | 1 | 9 |
| To My attending the Bench 6 Times | 0 | 6 | 0 |
| pd William Jennings Vestrey Clark as by receipt of Thomas Sawkins as being over Charged | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| of Elizabeth Gill | 0 | 5 | 0 |
| of Fardinando Dowdeswell | 0 | 3 | 4 |
| of Thomas Dickinson | 0 | 1 | 8 |
| of Richard Stevens | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| of John English | 0 | 1 | 8 |
| of Sandars Taylor | 0 | 1 | 8 |
| of George Barkshear | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| of Thomas Haswell | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| of John May | 0 | 0 | 8 |
| of Wm Beadle | 0 | 0 | 8 |
| | £10 | 10 | 8½ |

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| Disburstd by Frances Trevour | 215 | 12 | 5 |
| Disburstd by William Humphreys | 10 | 10 | 8½ |
| totall Disburstments | £226 | 3 | 1½ |

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|--|------|----|------|
| Received of the 2 Assessments | 199 | 13 | 2¾ |
| Received att the Hospitall in the Return of John Maybank | 0 | 18 | 0 |
| Received of Mr Thos Sawkins on the Account of John East | 0 | 7 | 0 |
| Received of Severall People for the Summonses | 0 | 1 | 4 |
| | £200 | 19 | 6¾ |
| Due to the Accountants | £ | 25 | 3 6¾ |

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December the 8 1751

Wee the Church Wardens and Overseers of the poor and other Inhabitants att a Vestrey held att the parish Church of Wimbledon in the County of Surry by publick Notice first given in the said parish Church for that purpose hath seen and Examined the Afforgoing Accounts of Mr Frances Trevour and Mr Wm Humphreys Late Overseers of the poor of the afforsaid parish and Wee do find uppon the Ballance of the account that their Remains Due to the said Accountants the sum of Twenty five pound three Shillings and Sixpence three farthings as witness our Hands the Day & Date above

[Signed] William Terry Church Warden, Jno. Paterson Overseer, Thos Sawkins, Geo. Hayden, Charles Pigott, Danel Watney, Wm Elmns his markes, John Wilson, Swift Kirby, William Boddicott

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Surry to Wit

We two of His Majestys Justices of the Peace for the County of Surry aforesd whose Hands and Seals are Hereunto Sett (One whereof is of the Quorum) have seen and Examined the aforegoing Accts of Mr Francis Trevour and Mr Wm Humphreys Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of Wimbledon for the year 1750 and We do find upon the Ballance thereof there remains due to the sd Accomptants the sum of Twenty five pounds Three shillings and Six pence three farthings & We do Hereby allow and Confirm the same. Given under Our hands and Seals this 28th day of December 1751

[Signed] Z. Chambers [L.S.]
G. Medcalfe [L.S.]

APPENDIX IIIc

DOCUMENTS SUBMITTED TO THE VESTRY BY ROBERT JOHNSON SCHOOLMASTER REQUESTING PAYMENT FOR THE EDUCATION OF WIMBLEDON WORKHOUSE CHILDREN, 1767

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(S.R.O. P5/7/123)

Workhouse Children from Easter 1761

Samuel Ridley, James Jupp, Will Hutchings, James Hutchings, Charles Edmunds, John Edmunds, Ann Shute, Sarah Taylor, Jane Edmunds, Ann Campion, Ann Jennings, Ann Shearman books paid, Eliz. Jennings, Mary Jennings, Ann Heiron, Eliz. Taylor, Sarah Bowen, Rebecca Elmes.

The parish of Wimbledon To Robert Johnson from Easter 1761 To Easter 1767

| | £ |
|---|--------|
| To 86 Writing Books at Sundry times Delivered | 2 3 0 |
| To 6 years pens & Ink &c. Do. at 4s. p. Ann. | 1 4 0 |
| To 6 years Coals for firing at 10s. p. Ann. | 3 0 0 |
| To 14 Testaments Delivered | 0 14 0 |
| To 16 Psalters Do. | 0 16 0 |
| To 16 Spelling Books Do. | 0 16 0 |
| Coals 3 0 [0] | 8 13 0 |
| Rec. 1 5 [0] | 4 5 0 |
| 4 5 [0] | 4 8 0 |

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(S.R.O. P5/7/125)

The Parish of Wimbledon from Easter 1761 To 5 Dec. 1767
To Robert Johnson

| | |
|---|---------|
| To 18 Children taught to Read, write, Cypher and plain Work | |
| At 4 pence p. week Amounts to | 33 16 0 |
| To a bill Delivered for Books &c. | 8 13 0 |
| | £42 9 0 |

Gentlemen—I have frequently Acquainted the parish Officers of this village that the parish of Wimbledon has no Connection with me, nor my School, for Notwithstanding the Trustees of Lady Dorothy Ciecils Charity Annualy Subscribe five pounds, it will not tye me under any Obligation to teach your

Workhouse Children and to find Materials for them for Nothing, Neither Can you Oblidge the Trustees to pay for those Children, for they Send into my School a Sufficient Number of poor house-keepers Children of this parish, which I am Able to prove when Required. The whole affair is Left Gentlemen to your Consideration.

From your most faithfull, humble & Obedient Servant
Robert Johnson

Gentlemen, if Kirby Swift had been but Slow, Your officer of Old
His little Debt he might have had, And not a lawyer told,
The Blow he's Struck, the term's at hand, I hope he will not rend
For fear if wanted, I have been to town, His Action to Defend.

APPENDIX III^d

ATTORNEY'S ACCOUNT

(S.R.O. P5/5/99/I)

1775

The Churchwardens & Overseers of the Poor
of Wimbledon Drs.

| | | |
|------------------------------|---|--|
| Mitcham Appellants | } | As to the Settlement of Jane Mitchell and her three Bastard Children |
| and Wimbledon Respondents | | |

| | | £ | s. | d. |
|------------|---|-------|----|----|
| Janry. 6th | Attending you at Wimbledon taking Instructions to defend this matter | 0 | 6 | 8 |
| | Horse-hire & Expences | 0 | 6 | 0 |
| | Drawing Brief, two Brief Sheets | 0 | 13 | 4 |
| | Two fair Copys for Council | 0 | 10 | 0 |
| | Two Copys of Notice of Appeal to Annex | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| | To Mr Baynham with Brief | 2 | 2 | 0 |
| | To Mr Ponton with Brief | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| | Attending Instructing Council | 0 | 6 | 8 |
| | Drawing Notice to produce Pauper Copy & Service on Appellants Attorney | 0 | 4 | 0 |
| | Attending at Clerk of Peace's Office Searching if Appeal set down | 0 | 3 | 4 |
| | Attending Mr Pardon to get him to fix a time for the Appeal coming on to prevent unnecessary Attendance of the Officers | 0 | 3 | 4 |
| 10th | Attending Sessions at St Margarets Hill this Day | 0 | 6 | 8 |
| 11th | The Like, when Appeal came on & Order Quashed, the same being Defective, without going into the Merits | 0 | 13 | 4 |
| | Sessions Fee | 0 | 6 | 8 |
| | Letters & Porters | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| | | <hr/> | | |
| | | 7 | 7 | 0 |

| | | |
|-----------------------------|---|--|
| Parish of Wimbledon | } | Touching the Legal Settlement of James Smithers ¹ |
| Parish Selborne Somersetsh. | | |

¹ At Surrey Epiph. Q.S. 1776 an appeal by the parish of Selborne, Hants., against the order for the removal of Smithers and his family from Wimbledon was allowed (S.R.O. Q.S. 2/1/24, p. 109).

| | | | | |
|-------------|--|-------|----|---|
| 1775 Febry. | Attending you, Perusing Papers & taking Instructions for case for Councils Opinion in this Matter | 0 | 6 | 8 |
| | Drawing Case, Two Brief Sheets & fair Copy for Council | 0 | 13 | 4 |
| | To Mr Lucas therewith | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| | To his Clerk | 0 | 2 | 6 |
| | Attending him Several times thereon | 0 | 6 | 8 |
| | | <hr/> | | |
| | | 9 | 17 | 2 |

March 24th 1775 Reced. of Mr Edward Winchester Overseer of the parish of
Wimbledon the Contents of the above Bill.¹

Per Jno. Rowsell ¹

¹ Different hand.

APPENDIX IIIe

WORKHOUSE ACCOUNT, 1775-6¹

(S.R.O. P5/5/98/1)

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1775 Account of Sundry Petty Disbursement by Sarah Hayball paid for the
Use of the Work House.

| | | | £ | s. | d. |
|------|----|---|---|----|----|
| May | 8 | To Yeast | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| | 10 | To Washing Money | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| | | To 2 Shòe Brushes | 0 | 1 | 4 |
| | 11 | To Yeast | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| | 16 | To Yeast | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| | | To Washing Money | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| | 18 | To a piece of Hanover Lace | 0 | 2 | 3 |
| | | To Beer for 2 Men Trimming Coals | 0 | 0 | 4 |
| | | To a pound of Butter | 0 | 0 | 8½ |
| | 22 | To Yeast | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| | | To Washing Money | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| | | To a Lemon | 0 | 0 | 1½ |
| | | To a pint of Red Port | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| | | To Brandy | 0 | 0 | 6 |
| | 24 | To a Loaf of Bread | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| | | To 1½ pint of Gin | 0 | 1 | 4 |
| | | To Beer | 0 | 0 | 4 |
| | | To Flounders for Mrs Lancaster | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| | | To Butter & Yeast | 0 | 0 | 7½ |
| | 30 | To paid the Bearers at Mrs Emnes Burial | 0 | 8 | 0 |
| | | To Washing Money | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| | | To Rowles | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| | | To Butter | 0 | 0 | 4 |
| | 31 | To Strong Beer | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| | | To Eggs and Sand | 0 | 0 | 4 |
| June | 1 | To a Quart of Geneva | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| | | To Tea | 0 | 0 | 8 |
| | | To a Cake | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| | | To Strong Beer | 0 | 0 | 4 |
| | | To Butter & Yeast | 0 | 0 | 7 |
| | | To a Loafe of Bread | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| | 4 | To Bearers at Mrs Inwoods Burial | 0 | 8 | 0 |
| | | To Eggs | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| | | To Yeast | 0 | 0 | 3 |

¹ Lines recording sums brought forward and carried forward have been omitted.

| | | £ | s. | d. |
|--------|---------------------------------|---|----|-----------------|
| | To Washing Money | 0 | 0 | 6 |
| | To Fish | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| 7 | To a Loafe of Bread | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| | To Butter & East | 0 | 0 | 7 |
| 12 | To Yeast for Brewing and Baking | 0 | 0 | 6 |
| | To Beer for Minton | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| | To Do. and Rowls | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| 13 | To Ink and Pins | 0 | 0 | 4 |
| [p. 2] | | | | |
| 1775 | | | | |
| June | 13 To a Loafe of Bread | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| | To a Firkin of Beer | 0 | 3 | 0 |
| | To Beer and Washing Money | 0 | 0 | 5 |
| 14 | To Butter | 0 | 0 | 8 |
| 19 | To Bread | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| 20 | To Do. | 0 | 0 | 11 |
| | To 2 pound of Bacon | 0 | 1 | 4 |
| | To Beer | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| 23 | To Yeast | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| 25 | To Beer and Butter | 0 | 0 | 5 |
| 27 | To Washing Money for 2 Weeks | 0 | 0 | 6 |
| | To Beer & Bread | 0 | 0 | 4 |
| 29 | To Yeast & Beer | 0 | 0 | 4 |
| 30 | To a Rowle | 0 | 0 | 0 $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| July | 2 To Bread | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| | 4 To Washing Money | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| | To Beer & a Rowle | 0 | 0 | 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| | 6 To Do. | 0 | 0 | 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| | 8 To Yeast | 0 | 0 | 6 |
| 10 | To Washing Money | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| 12 | To Beer and Butter | 0 | 0 | 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 13 | To Beer | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| 14 | To Do. | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| 15 | To Do. | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| 16 | To Do. | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| 17 | To Do. & a Rowle | 0 | 0 | 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 18 | To Do. | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| | To Beer | 0 | 0 | 4 |
| 24 | To Washing Money | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| | To Beer, Rice & a Rowle | 0 | 0 | 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| | To Mutton | 0 | 0 | 11 |
| | To paid for Baking | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| | To Silk & 2 Thimbles | 0 | 0 | 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| | To 2 Rowles | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| 28 | To Beer | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| | To Silk for Marking & Beer | 0 | 0 | 5 |
| Augst. | 3 To 2 Weeks Washing Money | 0 | 0 | 6 |
| | To Butter | 0 | 0 | 8 |

| | | | £ | s. | d. |
|--------|----|---|---|----|----|
| | | To pd. Mr Cooke for Mending Shoes | 0 | 2 | 4 |
| | | To Nutmegs | 0 | 0 | 8 |
| | | To 3 times Yeast | 0 | 0 | 10 |
| | | To paid for Baking | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| | 8 | To Mutton & Flour | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| | | To Butter, Sand & Silk | 0 | 0 | 7 |
| | | To Tea, Butter, Sand & Rice | 0 | 1 | 4½ |
| [p. 3] | | | | | |
| 1775 | | | | | |
| Augst. | 11 | To Bottoming & Chair & Cumling & Washing Money, Yeast & Baking | 0 | 1 | 9 |
| | 16 | To Butter | 0 | 0 | 4 |
| | 18 | To going with Rebeckah Elmes to London to a place, Turnpikes | 0 | 0 | 4 |
| | | To Waterage | 0 | 0 | 6 |
| | | To Coach Hire | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| | 19 | To Sand | 0 | 0 | 1½ |
| | 20 | To Baking | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| | 21 | To Yeast | 0 | 0 | 4 |
| | 22 | To Cumling for 4 days | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| | 24 | To Washing Money | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| | | To Thread | 0 | 0 | 0½ |
| | | To Oil Sweet | 0 | 0 | 4 |
| | 26 | To Mr Angel, Taylor, 3 Days Work | 0 | 3 | 0 |
| | | To Cumling & Turner | 0 | 0 | 4 |
| | | To Yeast | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| | 27 | To paid for Baking | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| | | To Beer on the Brewing Day | 0 | 0 | 4 |
| | 28 | To Rice | 0 | 0 | 2½ |
| | 29 | To Washing Money | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| | | To Cumling for going to Common | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| | 30 | To Cumling & Turner Do. | 0 | 0 | 4 |
| | | To ¼ lb. of Pepper | 0 | 0 | 6 |
| Sept. | 1 | To Cumling & Turner | 0 | 0 | 4 |
| | 2 | To Do. | 0 | 0 | 4 |
| | | To Yeast | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| | | To Mr Angel, Taylor, 5 Days Work | 0 | 5 | 0 |
| | 3 | To Baking | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| | | To Sand | 0 | 0 | 1½ |
| | 5 | To Washing Money | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| | | To a Cake | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| | | To Cash to Thos. Searle | 0 | 2 | 6 |
| | 9 | To Cumling & Turner going to Common 1 Week | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| | 13 | To Washing Money | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| | | To Sand | 0 | 0 | 1½ |
| | | To 2 Letters from Rebeckah Elims | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| | | To Washing Money | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| | 16 | To Yeast twice | 0 | 0 | 6 |

| | | | £ | s. | d. |
|---------|----|------------------------------|---|----|----|
| | 20 | To Do. for Brewing | 0 | 0 | 4 |
| | | To a pint of Beer | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| | 21 | To the Women helping to Brew | 0 | 0 | 6 |
| | | To Beer for Minton | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| | | To Do. Mrs Lancaster | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| [p. 4] | | | | | |
| 1775 | | | | | |
| Sept. | 21 | To a Lantern | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| | | To Bacon | 0 | 0 | 4½ |
| | 23 | To paid Cumling | 0 | 1 | 6 |
| | | To Turner | 0 | 0 | 4 |
| | | To Beer | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| | 24 | To Do. | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| | | To Rowles | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| | | To Beer | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| | 25 | To a pair of Shoe Strings | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| | | To Gin & Beer Mrs Lancaster | 0 | 0 | 4 |
| | | To Beer | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| | | To a pound of Mutton | 0 | 0 | 4½ |
| | 26 | To Beer | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| | | To Washing Money | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| | 27 | To 1 lb. of Mutton | 0 | 0 | 5 |
| | | To ½ lb. of Butter | 0 | 0 | 4½ |
| | | To Beer | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| | | To Bacon | 0 | 0 | 4½ |
| | | To Sand | 0 | 0 | 1½ |
| | | To a Mop | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| | | To Beer | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| | | To Pearl Barley | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| | | To Sagoe | 0 | 0 | 6 |
| | 29 | To Beer | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| | | To Rowles | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| | | To Tea | 0 | 0 | 6 |
| | 30 | To Cumling | 0 | 1 | 6 |
| | | To Potter | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| | | To Beer | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| | | To 1½ pint of Mountain | 0 | 1 | 6 |
| October | 1 | To Beer | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| | | To Rowles | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| | 2 | To Beer | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| | | To Do. | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| | | To grown Rice | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| | 3 | To 1½ pint of Wine | 0 | 1 | 6 |
| | | To Washing Money | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| | | To 2 Rowles | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| | | To Yeast | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| | | To Tea | 0 | 0 | 6 |
| | 4 | To Red Port | 0 | 1 | 6 |

| | | £ | s. | d. |
|--------|--|---|----|----|
| | To Beer | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| | To Brandy | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| [p. 5] | | | | |
| 1775 | | | | |
| Octor. | 5 To Beer | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| | To Rowles | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| | To Turner to go to Putney | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| | To ground Rice | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| | To Bread | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| | 6 To Beer | 0 | 0 | 4 |
| | To Tea | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| | To Wine | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| | To Brandy | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| | 7 To paid Cumling | 0 | 1 | 6 |
| | To Fresh Butter | 0 | 0 | 4½ |
| | To Beer | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| | To Sand & Salt | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| | To Turner for Furz | 0 | 0 | 8 |
| | To Bacon | 0 | 0 | 4½ |
| | 8 To Beer | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| | 9 To gave Appleton to go to London | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| | To Yeast | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| | To Beer | 0 | 0 | 4 |
| | 10 To Do. | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| | To a Rowle | 0 | 0 | 0½ |
| | To Red Port | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| | To Beer | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| | To Brandy | 0 | 0 | 6 |
| | 12 To a Rowle | 0 | 0 | 0½ |
| | To Bacon | 0 | 0 | 9 |
| | To Washing Money twice | 0 | 0 | 6 |
| | 13 To the Bearer's at Minton's Funeral | 0 | 8 | 0 |
| | To Yeast | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| | To Beer | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| | To Yeast | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| | To Turner going to Common | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| | 14 To Cumling | 0 | 1 | 6 |
| | To ½ lb. of Butter | 0 | 0 | 4½ |
| | 16 To Washing Money | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| | To Cumling | 0 | 1 | 6 |
| | 21 To Sand | 0 | 0 | 1½ |
| | 24 To Beer on Brewing Day | 0 | 0 | 6 |
| | To Yeast & Baking | 0 | 0 | 6 |
| | To ½ lb. of Bacon | 0 | 0 | 4 |
| | 28 To Cumling | 0 | 1 | 6 |
| | 30 To Washing Money | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| | To Beer | 0 | 0 | 3 |

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| 1775 | | £ | s. | d. | |
|--------|------------------|--------------------------|----|----|-----|
| Nover. | 1 | To Bacon | 0 | 0 | 6 |
| | | To Sand & Carraway Seeds | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| | | To Sugar | 0 | 0 | 8 |
| | 4 | To Yeast | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| | | To Beer | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| | 7 | To Washing Money | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| | | To Bacon | 0 | 0 | 7 |
| | | To paid Cumling | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| | | To Pens | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| | | To Mutton | 0 | 0 | 6 |
| | 11 | To Yeast & Sand | 0 | 0 | 4½ |
| | | To paid Cumling | 0 | 0 | 10½ |
| | 14 | To Washing Money | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| | | To Yeast | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| | | To Beer | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| | | To Do. | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| | 15 | To Pearl Barley | 0 | 0 | 6 |
| | | To Nutmegs | 0 | 0 | 1½ |
| | | To Bacon | 0 | 0 | 6 |
| | 19 | To Sand | 0 | 0 | 1½ |
| | | To paid Cumling | 0 | 1 | 6 |
| | | To Beer | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| | 22 | To Do. | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| | 23 | To Do. | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| | | To a Rowle | 0 | 0 | 0½ |
| | | To Sweeping 2 Chimnies | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| | | To 2 lb. of Sugar | 0 | 0 | 10 |
| | 24 | To Washing Money | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| | | To Beer | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| | 25 | To paid Cumling | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| | | To Beer | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| | 26 | To Do. | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| | 27 | To Do. | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| | 28 | To Do. | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| | | To 2 lb. of Sugar | 0 | 0 | 10 |
| | 29 | To Sand | 0 | 0 | 1½ |
| | To Beer & Bread | 0 | 0 | 2½ | |
| | To Washing Money | 0 | 0 | 3 | |
| 30 | To Brandy | 0 | 0 | 3 | |
| | To Beer & a Cake | 0 | 0 | 2 | |
| | To Yeast | 0 | 0 | 3 | |
| | To Bacon | 0 | 0 | 4½ | |
| Decer. | 1 | To Beer & a Rowle | 0 | 0 | 3½ |
| | | To Soap | 0 | 1 | 2 |

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Decer.

| | | £ | s. | d. |
|----|-----------------------------------|---|----|----|
| 2 | To a Cake & Beer | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| | To Geneva | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| | To Beer for Cordial | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| | To Cumling for Furz | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| 3 | To Beer for Cordial | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| 4 | To Beer | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| | To Do. for Cordial | 0 | 0 | 4 |
| | To Salt | 0 | 0 | 4 |
| 5 | To Beer | 0 | 0 | 4 |
| 6 | To Beer | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| | To Small Beer | 0 | 0 | 6 |
| 8 | To Washing Money | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| | To Small Beer | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| | To Strong Beer | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| | To Soap | 0 | 1 | 2 |
| | To Sand | 0 | 0 | 1½ |
| | To 2½ lb. of Mutton | 0 | 0 | 10 |
| | To Pens | 0 | 0 | 1½ |
| 9 | To paid Cumling | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| | To Beer | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| | To Soap | 0 | 0 | 7 |
| 10 | To Beer | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| | To the Man coming from Wandsworth | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| | To Carraway Seeds | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| 11 | To 2 Rowles | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| | To Beer | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| | To Salt | 0 | 0 | 4 |
| 12 | To Beer | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| | To Washing Money | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| | To Tea | 0 | 1 | 4 |
| | To Bacon | 0 | 0 | 4½ |
| | To a Cake | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| | To Mutton | 0 | 0 | 5 |
| 13 | To Pins | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| | To Sand | 0 | 0 | 1½ |
| | To Ink | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| | To Tobacco | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| 14 | To Beer | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| 16 | To paid Potter & Cumling for Furz | 0 | 0 | 4 |
| | To Spratts | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| 18 | To Washing Money | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| 19 | To Beer | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| | To Sprats | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| 21 | To Bacon 6d. Tea 1s. | 0 | 1 | 6 |

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| | | £ | s. | d. |
|--------|----|---------------------------------------|----|------|
| 1775 | | | | |
| Decer. | 23 | To Potter & Cumling for Furz | 0 | 2 0 |
| | | To Yeast | 0 | 0 3 |
| | | To paid — Floate for 9 Days Work | 0 | 9 0 |
| | | To Spratts | 0 | 0 3 |
| | | To Sand | 0 | 0 1½ |
| | 24 | To the Men & Women at Christmas | 0 | 2 0 |
| | 26 | To Tea | 0 | 0 8 |
| | | To Wine | 0 | 0 6 |
| | | To 1 lb. of Rush Lights | 0 | 0 8 |
| | 27 | To Washing Money | 0 | 0 3 |
| | 30 | To Potter & Cumling going to Common | 0 | 1 6 |
| | | To Sand | 0 | 0 1½ |
| | 31 | To Six Men carrying Hart to the Grave | 0 | 8 0 |
| 1776 | | | | |
| Janry. | 1 | To Bacon | 0 | 0 6 |
| | | To Yeast | 0 | 0 3 |
| | 2 | To Salt | 0 | 0 4 |
| | | To Washing Money | 0 | 0 3 |
| | | To Beer | 0 | 0 4 |
| | 6 | To Yeast for Brewing | 0 | 0 3 |
| | | To Potter for Furz | 0 | 0 6 |
| | | To Cumling | 0 | 0 10 |
| | 7 | To Brandy | 0 | 2 6 |
| | | To Rowles | 0 | 0 1 |
| | | To Loaf Sugar | 0 | 1 0 |
| | | To Sand | 0 | 0 1½ |
| | | To an Almanac | 0 | 0 8 |
| | 11 | To Mutton | 0 | 0 9 |
| | | To Tea | 0 | 1 4 |
| | | To Ale for Cordial | 0 | 2 0 |
| | | To Tea | 0 | 1 6 |
| | 17 | To Mrs Floate 7½ Days Work | 0 | 7 6 |
| | | To Bacon | 0 | 0 6 |
| | | To Sweet Oil | 0 | 0 4 |
| | | To Washing Money twice | 0 | 0 6 |
| | 20 | To Turnips | 0 | 0 2 |
| | | To Bacon | 0 | 0 5 |
| | 26 | To Washing Money | 0 | 0 3 |
| | | To Turnips | 0 | 0 3 |
| | | To Sand | 0 | 0 1½ |
| | 29 | To Spratts | 0 | 0 1 |
| | | To Rowles | 0 | 0 1 |
| | | To a Lemon | 0 | 0 1 |
| | 31 | To Rowles | 0 | 0 1 |

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| | | | £ | s. | d. |
|--------|----|--|---|----|----|
| 1776 | | | | | |
| Janry. | 31 | To Beer | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| | | To Yeast | 0 | 0 | 4 |
| | | To Tea | 0 | 0 | 4½ |
| | | To Eggs | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| Febry. | 1 | To Bacon | 0 | 0 | 6 |
| | | To Bread | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| | | To Beer | 0 | 0 | 4 |
| | | To Yeast | 0 | 0 | 4 |
| | | To Washing Money | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| | | To Tea | 0 | 0 | 6 |
| | 6 | To Lard | 0 | 0 | 6 |
| | | To Sand | 0 | 0 | 1½ |
| | 8 | To Beer | 0 | 0 | 4 |
| | 9 | To Sugar | 0 | 0 | 6 |
| | 10 | To Cumling & Potter fetching Furz | 0 | 1 | 4 |
| | | To White Bread | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| | 12 | To Washing Money | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| | | To Yeast | 0 | 0 | 4 |
| | | To Rowles | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| | | To Beer | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| | 13 | To Rowles & Beer | 0 | 0 | 2½ |
| | | To Tea | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| | 15 | To Bacon | 0 | 0 | 6 |
| | | To Bread | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| | 16 | To Rowles | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| | | To a piece of Hanover Lace | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| | 17 | To Cumling & Potter fetching Furz | 0 | 1 | 8 |
| | 19 | To Washing Money | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| | | To Yeast for Brewing | 0 | 0 | 4 |
| | | To Sand | 0 | 0 | 1½ |
| | 20 | To Tea | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| | | To Rowles | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| | | To Wine | 0 | 0 | 9 |
| | | To Beer | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| | 21 | To Tea | 0 | 0 | 4 |
| | 23 | To Beer | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| | | To a Rowle | 0 | 0 | 0½ |
| | 24 | To paid Cumling & Potter going to Common | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| | | To a Rowle & Beer | 0 | 0 | 1½ |
| | 26 | To Beer | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| | 28 | To Washing Money | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| | | To Beer | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| | 29 | To a Rowle | 0 | 0 | 0½ |
| | | To Sand | 0 | 0 | 1½ |

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| 1776 | | | £ | s. | d. |
|-------|----|--|---|----|----|
| March | 1 | To Pearl Barley | 0 | 0 | 6 |
| | | To Bacon | 0 | 0 | 6 |
| | | To Sugar | 0 | 0 | 8 |
| | | To a Rowle & Bear | 0 | 0 | 1½ |
| | 2 | To paid Cumling for Furz | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| | | To Rice | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| | 3 | To a Rowle & Beer | 0 | 0 | 1½ |
| | | To Beer | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| | | To Tea | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| | 4 | To Beer & a Rowl | 0 | 0 | 1½ |
| | 5 | To Do, | 0 | 0 | 1½ |
| | | To Yeast | 0 | 0 | 5 |
| | 6 | To Washing Money | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| | 7 | To Wine | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| | | To Sugar | 0 | 0 | 8 |
| | | To a Rowle | 0 | 0 | 0½ |
| | | To a Sampler & Silk to Mark their Linnen | 0 | 0 | 10 |
| | 8 | To Wine and Biscuits | 0 | 0 | 7 |
| | | To Rowles | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| | | To a Muffin | 0 | 0 | 0½ |
| | | To Bacon | 0 | 0 | 5½ |
| | 10 | To a Rowle | 0 | 0 | 0½ |
| | | To paid Cumling for Furz | 0 | 0 | 6 |
| | | To Washing Money | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| | 11 | To Tea | 0 | 0 | 8 |
| | 13 | To Sand | 0 | 0 | 1½ |
| | 16 | To pay Cumling for Furz | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| | | To Bacon | 0 | 0 | 4½ |
| | 19 | To Ink & Pens | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| | | To Yeast | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| | 21 | To Washing Money | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| | 22 | To Yeast for Brewing | 0 | 0 | 4 |
| | 23 | To paid Cumling for Furz | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| | | To Bacon | 0 | 0 | 2½ |
| | | To Oil Skin | 0 | 0 | 4½ |
| | 28 | To Washing Money | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| | | To Beer on Brewing Day | 0 | 0 | 6 |
| | | To Bacon | 0 | 0 | 8 |
| | | To Silk | 0 | 0 | 0½ |
| | 30 | To Cumling for Furz | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| | | To Potter | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| | | To Sugar | 0 | 0 | 4 |
| | | To a Padlock for the Gate | 0 | 1 | 0 |

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1776

March

30 To Sand

April

3 To Washing Money

4 To Bacon

6 To paid Cumling for Furz

9 To Washing Money

To Potatoes

£ s. d.
0 0 1½

0 0 3

0 0 6

0 0 6

0 0 3

0 0 6

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APPENDIX III^f

POOR RATE ASSESSMENT AND COLLECTION BOOK, 1780¹

(S.R.O. P5/5/14/1)

Surrey to wit.

An Assessment made upon the Inhabitants, occupiers of Houses, Lands, Tenements &c. in the Parish of Wimbledon in the said County, for and towards the necessary Relief of the Poor of the said Parish, by and with the Approbation of Two of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace (Quorum unus), made this Twenty second Day of September at a publick open Vestry in the said Parish held pursuant to notice thereof given in the Church of the said Parish on the preceeding Sabbath Day for that purpose, at One Shilling in the Pound, commencing at Lady Day last past and ending at Saint Michael the Arch Angel next ensuing the Date hereof and in the Year of our Lord 1780.

Mr William Gonston }
Mr William Everatt } Overseers

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| | | | | | |
|------------|------------------------------------|-----------------|---------------|----|---|
| 445 | Right Honble. Earl Spencer | XX ² | 22 | 5 | 0 |
| 74 | Samuel Rush Esqr. | XX | 3 | 14 | 0 |
| 32 | Madam Hudson | XX | 1 | 12 | 0 |
| 4 | Do. for a Field | XX | 0 | 4 | 0 |
| 200 | Right Honble. Marquis Rockingham | XX | 10 | 0 | 0 |
| 74 | George Bond Esqr. | XX | 3 | 14 | 0 |
| 169 | Benjn. Bond Hopkins Esqr. | XX | 8 | 9 | 0 |
| 31 | Mrs Cunningham | XX | 1 | 11 | 0 |
| 30 | Benjn. Bond Hopkins Esqr. for Land | XX | 1 | 10 | 0 |
| 21 | Mrs Davenash | XX | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| 60 | Benjn. Hays Esqr. | XX | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| 49 | Miss Lewis | XX | 2 | 9 | 0 |
| 20 | Mrs Mariane Hays | XX | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| 29 | Mr Wilberforce | XX | 1 | 9 | 0 |
| 31 | Richard Gaire Esqr. | XX | 1 | 11 | 0 |
| <hr/> 1269 | | | <hr/> £63 9 0 | | |

¹ This paper book has been badly damaged by damp, particularly at the beginning. The text is affected on the first page, but only the wording of common forms is in question and editorial additions are not therefore differentiated.

² Two crosses were set down against each name for which the rate was collected.

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|-----|------------------------------------|-----|-----|----|---|
| 40 | Mrs Morris | XX | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| 20 | William Southouse Esqr. | XXX | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| 27 | William Lawrence Esqr. | XX | 1 | 7 | 0 |
| 32 | Harry Daniel Mander Esqr. | | 1 | 12 | 0 |
| 26 | John Bridger Esqr. | XX | 1 | 6 | 0 |
| 16 | John Eyles Esqr. | XX | 0 | 16 | 0 |
| 22 | Holland Cooksey Esqr. | XX | 1 | 2 | 0 |
| 60 | Moses Isaac Levy Esqr. | XX | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| 50 | Samuel Castill Esqr. | XX | 2 | 10 | 0 |
| 40 | Madam Belitha | XX | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| 40 | Thomas Grovenor Esqr. ¹ | XX | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| 38 | Lyde Brown Esqr. | XX | 1 | 18 | 0 |
| 20 | Thomas Eden Esqr. | XX | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| 40 | Joseph Shrimpton Esqr. | XX | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| 4 | James Rose | XX | 0 | 4 | 0 |
| 475 | | | £23 | 15 | 0 |

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| 31 | John Pettiward Esqr. | XX | 1 | 11 | 0 |
| 52 | George Chamberlain Esqr. | XX | 2 | 12 | 0 |
| 22 | George Medcalf Esqr. | XX | 1 | 2 | 0 |
| 165 | Sir Richard Hotham | XX | 8 | 5 | 0 |
| 89 | Govr. & Co. of Copper Miners | XX | 4 | 9 | 0 |
| 15 | Thomas Nash Esqr. | XX | 0 | 15 | 0 |
| 34 | Messrs Coleman & Co. | XX | 1 | 14 | 0 |
| 44 | William Walker | XX | 2 | 4 | 0 |
| 68 | Robert Nettleton | XX | 3 | 8 | 0 |
| 18 | William Potter | XX | 0 | 18 | 0 |
| 4 | Robert Chick | | 0 | 4 | 0 |
| 4 | Henry Stockbridge | | 0 | 4 | 0 |
| 3 | Thomas Cogger | XX | 0 | 3 | 0 |
| 26 | Thomas Woodman | XX | 1 | 6 | 0 |
| 4 | Widow Hayden | XX | 0 | 4 | 0 |
| 579 | | | £28 | 19 | 0 |

¹ Written above this entry is

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| ' Recd. of Mr Hanskom | 1 | |
| Recd. of Mr Southouse | | 10 |

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| 21 | Alfred Poulton | XX | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| 16 | Mrs Payne | XX | 0 | 16 | 0 |
| 6 | William Rose | XX | 0 | 6 | 0 |
| 10 | William Terry | XX | 0 | 10 | 0 |
| 7 | Thomas Godard | XX | 0 | 7 | 0 |
| 2 | Edward Parsons | XX | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| 4 | William Kempton | XX | 0 | 4 | 0 |
| 4 | Thomas Jones | XX | 0 | 4 | 0 |
| 4 | John Beacham | XX | 0 | 4 | 0 |
| 4 | Late Allens | Empty | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 4 | James Service | | 0 | 4 | 0 |
| 4 | Francis Townley | Empty | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 2 | William Stacey | XX | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| 3 | Late James Jennings | Empty | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 10 | Thomas Turner | Empty | 0 | 0 | 0 |
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| 7 | James Coote | XX | 0 | 7 | 0 |
| 10 | Doctor Squires | XX | 0 | 10 | 0 |
| 6 | Richard Cooke | XX | 0 | 6 | 0 |
| 3 | James Kingman | | 0 | 3 | 0 |
| 6 | George Dowdeswell | XX | 0 | 6 | 0 |
| 7 | Wm. Rose for Mr Gonston's House | XX | 0 | 7 | 0 |
| 46 | Wm. Gonston for Houses & Land late Mr Rowsell's | XX | 2 | 6 | 0 |
| 110 | Tyson Chapman | XX | 5 | 10 | 0 |
| 8 | John Carter Senior | XX | 0 | 8 | 0 |
| 13 | Thomas Tegg | XX | 0 | 13 | 0 |
| 6 | Widow Eades | XX | 0 | 6 | 0 |
| 67 | Ann Patterson | XX | 3 | 7 | 0 |
| 9 | Edward Eades | XX | 0 | 9 | 0 |
| 6 | John Carter Junior | XX | 0 | 6 | 0 |
| 2 | Grace Martin for a Shop | XX | 0 | 2 | 0 |
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| 306 | | | £15 | 6 | 0 |

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| 8 | Tyson Chapman for Thorns House | XX | 0 | 8 | 0 |
| 6 | Thomas Withem | XX | 0 | 6 | 0 |
| 6 | John Edwards | XX | 0 | 6 | 0 |
| 14 | Widow Boddicoat | XX | 0 | 14 | 0 |
| 8 | William Everatt | XX | 0 | 8 | 0 |
| 62 | William Jennings | XX | 3 | 2 | 0 |
| 17 | John Humphry | XX | 0 | 17 | 0 |
| 16 | Samuel Mason | XX | 0 | 16 | 0 |
| 10 | William Chainey | XX | 0 | 10 | 0 |
| 4 | George Lowe | XX | 0 | 4 | 0 |
| 5 | William Chalkhill | XX | 0 | 5 | 0 |
| 10 | Chas. Newsham Pigott | XX | 0 | 10 | 0 |
| 8 | James Underwood | XX | 0 | 8 | 0 |
| 62 | John Watney | XX | 3 | 2 | 0 |
| 3 | Richard Peacock | XX | 0 | 3 | 0 |
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| 2 | Aaron Croucher | XX | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| 2 | John Moss | XX | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| 42 | John Martin | XX | 2 | 2 | 0 |
| 36 | Thomas Watney | XX | 1 | 16 | 0 |
| 4 | William Watney | XX | 0 | 4 | 0 |
| 4 | Daniel Parker | XX | 0 | 4 | 0 |
| 4 | Jacob Strange | XX | 0 | 4 | 0 |
| 3 | James Edmonds | | 0 | 3 | 0 |
| 2 | Thomas Berkshire | XX | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| 2 | Henry Gough | XX | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| 3 | James Stent | XX | 0 | 3 | 0 |
| 2 | Henry Akers | | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| 2 | Robert Turner | Empty | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 4 | Thomas Bedell | Empty | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 2 | John Lee | | 0 | 2 | 0 |
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| 5 | Thomas Wray | XX | 0 | 5 | 0 |
| 3 | Thomas Watts | XX | 0 | 3 | 0 |
| 8 | John Manning | XX | 0 | 8 | 0 |
| 8 | John Dosset | XX | 0 | 8 | 0 |
| 2 | Robert Carden | Empty | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 5 | John Budd | XX | 0 | 5 | 0 |
| 2 | William Daniels Senior | | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| 8 | Joseph Wright | | 0 | 8 | 0 |
| 13 | William Coatsworth | | 0 | 13 | 0 |
| 2 | Thomas Levy | XX | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| 2 | James Beacham | XX | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| 2 | Mr Rush for a Field | XX | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| 3 | Richard Fielder | XX | 0 | 3 | 0 |
| 2 | Thomas Hammack | XX | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| 2 | John Cogan | XX | 0 | 2 | 0 |
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| 3 | Widow Shaw | XX | 0 | 3 | 0 |
| 3 | Thomas Palmer | | 0 | 3 | 0 |
| 3 | John Pitts | XX | 0 | 3 | 0 |
| 3 | Richard Thomes | XX | 0 | 3 | 0 |
| 3 | John Studdell | | 0 | 3 | 0 |
| 3 | Thomas Hillbury | XX | 0 | 3 | 0 |
| 3 | George Ranger | | 0 | 3 | 0 |
| 3 | George Matthews | XX | 0 | 3 | 0 |
| 3 | John Brown | XX | 0 | 3 | 0 |
| 3 | David Pennard | XX | 0 | 3 | 0 |
| 3 | Robert Belcomb | XX | 0 | 3 | 0 |
| 3 | Samuel Pearse | XX | 0 | 3 | 0 |
| 3 | Thomas Cribb | XX | 0 | 3 | 0 |
| 3 | Robert Lambert | XX | 0 | 3 | 0 |
| 2 | Edward Stevens | Empty | 0 | 0 | 0 |
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| 3 | David Dowdeswell | | 0 | 3 | 0 |
| 3 | John Brown | XX | 0 | 3 | 0 |
| 3 | Richard Gray | XX | 0 | 3 | 0 |
| 16 | John Hoffman | XX | 0 | 16 | 0 |
| 2 | John Allen Senior | XX | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| 3 | John Allen Junior | XX | 0 | 3 | 0 |
| 4 | Richard Walker | XX | 0 | 4 | 0 |
| 2 | Richard Brown | XX | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| 2 | James Smithers | | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| 4 | George Berkshire | XX | 0 | 4 | 0 |
| 8 | Mr West | XX | 0 | 8 | 0 |
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| 50 | | | £2 | 10 | 0 |

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Totals, Collected from the several Pages of this Book of Rates

| No. Pages | Proportions of Rents | Assessments £ s. d. |
|--------------|-------------------------|---|
| 1st | 1269 | 63 9 0 |
| 2 | 475 | 23 15 0 |
| 3 | 579 | 28 19 0 |
| 4 | 101 | 4 0 0 |
| 5 | 306 | 15 6 0 |
| 6 | 239 | 11 19 0 |
| 7 | 114 | 5 8 0 |
| 8 | 67 | 3 5 0 |
| 9 | 44 | 2 2 0 |
| 10 | 50 | 2 10 0 |
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| £3244 | | The Amount of the Assessment is £160 13 0 |

Note the Disparity owing to Houses being Uninhabited.

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Surrey to Wit.

We the Church Wardens, Overseers of the Poor and other Inhabitants of the Parish of Wimbledon in the said County have seen the foregoing Rate or Assessment and Do declare that the several Sums therein are by our approbation Rated upon the respective Persons concerned and that the same are Just and Equitable according to the best of our Judgments, as Witness our hands this 22d. Day of September 1780.

[Signed] Chas. Newsham Pigott }
Thomas Watney } Church Wardens
Wm. Gonston }
Willm. Everatt } Overseers

W. Watney, Jno. Edwards, Thos. Godard, John Humphry, Saml. Mason, Jno. Watney Inhabitants.

Surrey to Wit.

We two of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the County of Surrey have seen the foregoing Rate or Assessment Made for & towards the Necessary Reliefe of the Poor of the Parish of Wimbledon And that we do Allow & Confirm the same. Given under our hands and seals this 7th. day of October 1780.

[Signed] Isaac Akerman [L.S.]
Willm. Tayler [L.S.]

APPENDIX IIIg

OVERSEERS' ACCOUNTS, 1780-1

(from S.R.O. P5/5/8)

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| | | | £ | s. | d. |
|-----------|---------|--|-----|----|----|
| 1780 | William | Gonston to the Parish of Wimbledon Dr. | | | |
| | | To the Amount of a Rate for the Poor | 160 | 13 | 0 |
| April | 22 | To Cash Recieved for Wm. Elmes Labour | 0 | 6 | 0 |
| May | 12 | To Do. | 0 | 7 | 0 |
| June | 24 | To Do. | 0 | 7 | 0 |
| July | 1 | To Do. | 0 | 6 | 9 |
| | 8 | To Do. | 0 | 8 | 0 |
| | 10 | To Cash of Wm. Everatt for Grains | 0 | 6 | 0 |
| | 22 | To Do. for Wm. Elmes Labour | 0 | 6 | 0 |
| | 29 | To Do. | 0 | 4 | 0 |
| | 30 | To Do. of Davis for keeping his Children | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| | 31 | To Do. for Thomas Woodmans Labour | 0 | 11 | 6 |
| August | 5 | To Do. for Wm. Elmes Labour | 0 | 3 | 0 |
| September | 11 | To Do. for the use of Woodmans Dog | 0 | 10 | 6 |
| | | To Do. of Mr Hedington for Mary Batmans Service | 0 | 5 | 0 |
| | | To Do. of Mr Watts for Ann Emes Service | 0 | 3 | 0 |
| | | To Do. for Thomas Woodmans Bitch Phillips | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| 1781 | | | | | |
| May | 21 | To Do. of John Brown for Jane Turners Service due 30 September 1780 | 0 | 9 | 0 |
| | 28 | To Do. of Mr Southouse for Mr Grovenors Premises being Uncollected by Wm. Watney | 1 | 0 | 0 |

Carried forward

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| 1780 ¹ | | Per Contra | Cr. | £ | s. | d. |
|-------------------|-----------------|---|-----|------|----|-----|
| March | 28 | By Wm. Chainey Smith | | 0 | 18 | 6 |
| April | 13 | „ Jos. Marshall for Oatmeal | | 0 | 6 | 11 |
| | 13 | „ Shakespeare and Co. Cheesemongers | | 1 | 12 | 0 |
| May | 1 | „ Jos. Towle Mercer | | 1 | 7 | 0 |
| | | „ Jos. Sims Upholsterer | | 2 | 4 | 0 |
| | | „ Jos. Morris for Leather Stays | | 3 | 6 | 6 |
| | | „ H. Hall Linen Draper | | 0 | 3 | 8 |
| | | „ Habgood and Westall Haberdashers | | 0 | 16 | 7 |
| | 25 | „ Mary Float Mantua Maker | | 0 | 15 | 6 |
| June | 1 | „ Sarah Hayball for Salary | | 3 | 12 | 9 |
| | 2 | „ Wm. Everatt for Sundries | | 2 | 4 | 8 |
| | 22 | „ H. Hall Linen Draper | | 0 | 16 | 11½ |
| | | „ Griffiths and Co. Linen Draper | | 1 | 14 | 5 |
| July | 8 | „ Linfield and Co. Linen Drapers | | 0 | 9 | 6 |
| | 12 | „ Thomas Levi for Milk | | 0 | 5 | 1 |
| | 24 | „ John Carter Carpenter | | 1 | 15 | 2 |
| | 29 | „ Wm. Terry for a Burial | | 0 | 5 | 6 |
| August | 1 | „ Wm. Terry for a Burial | | 0 | 5 | 6 |
| | 16 | „ Wm. Terry Bricklayer | | 0 | 9 | 10 |
| Septr. | 16 | „ Samuel Mason Undertaker | | 1 | 5 | 11 |
| | 28 | „ Mrs Gonston Milliner | | 1 | 14 | 0 |
| | 30 | „ Jos. Fowle Mercer | | 0 | 4 | 6 |
| | | „ Jos. Simms Upholsterer | | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| | | „ Habgood and Westall Haberdashers | | 0 | 14 | 0¾ |
| | | „ H. Hall Linen Draper | | 1 | 10 | 8½ |
| Octr. | 2 | „ I. Malden Doctor | | 4 | 10 | 8 |
| | 3 | „ Wm. Kempton Barber | | 0 | 19 | 4 |
| | 4 | „ Wm. Everatt for Sundries | | 21 | 9 | 2 |
| | 11 | „ Richard Cooke Shoemaker | | 6 | 1 | 1 |
| | 12 | „ Thos. Withem Glazier | | 1 | 4 | 8 |
| | | „ Jos. Andrews Vestry Clerk | | 1 | 17 | 6 |
| | 25 | „ Edward Eades Cooper | | 1 | 14 | 6 |
| | 50 ² | „ Elizabeth Bassett Butcher | | 21 | 0 | 10½ |
| Novr. | 2 | „ Wm. Wood for County Rate | | 26 | 17 | 0 |
| | 11 | „ Chas. News. Pigott Casual Poor's Bill | | 24 | 15 | 6 |
| | 14 | „ Ann Patterson for Malt | | 5 | 14 | 0 |
| Dcemr. | 6 | „ Thos. Goddard Grocer | | 21 | 5 | 0¼ |
| | 15 | „ Tyson Chapman for Coals | | 15 | 12 | 0 |
| April 7 1781 | | „ Thos. Stockdale Bench Clerks Bill | | 0 | 13 | 0 |
| June | 28 | „ John Edwards Taylor | | 0 | 3 | 9 |
| Augt. | 27 | „ Wm. Watney for Yeast | | 0 | 6 | 8 |
| No date | | „ Thos. Levi for Milk | | 0 | 4 | 10 |
| Carried forward | | | | £185 | 8 | 9½ |

¹ A column referring to the number of the voucher in question is omitted.² An error for '30'.

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| 1781 | Dr. | Continued | £ | s. | d. |
|------|--------------------|-----------|-----|----|----|
| | To Brought forward | | 169 | 6 | 9 |
| | To Balance | | 27 | 8 | 9 |

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| 1781 | Cr. | Continued | £ | s. | d. |
|--------|---------------------------------|-----------|------|----|-------------|
| | By Brought forward | | 185 | 8 | 9½ |
| Dcemr. | Wm. Gonston's Bill for Sundries | | 6 | 5 | 8½ |
| | Harry Daniel Mander Esqr. | 1 12 0 | | | |
| | Thos. Grovner Esqr. | 0 10 0 | | | |
| | Robert Chick | 0 4 0 | | | |
| | Henry Stockbridge | 0 4 0 | | | |
| | James Service | 0 4 0 | | | |
| | James Kingman | 0 3 0 | | | |
| | James Edmonds | 0 3 0 | | | |
| | Henry Acers | 0 2 0 | | | |
| | John Lee | 0 2 0 | | | |
| | Wm. Daniels Senior | 0 2 0 | | | |
| | Joseph Wright | 0 8 0 | | | |
| | Wm. Coatsworth | 0 13 0 | | | |
| | Thos. Palmer | 0 3 0 | | | |
| | John Studdell | 0 3 0 | | | |
| | George Ranger | 0 3 0 | | | Uncollected |
| | David Dowdeswell | 0 3 0 | | | in the Book |
| | James Smithers | 0 2 0 | | | of Rates |
| | | | 5 | 1 | 0 |
| | | | £196 | 15 | 6 |

N.B. the Balance paid Mr Gonston by George Bond Esqr. One of the Present Overseers.

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| | £ | s. | d. |
|---|-----|----|----|
| 1780 Wm. Everatt to the Parish of Wimbledon Dr. | | | |
| To the amount of a Rate for the Poor | 200 | 10 | 7½ |
| To Cash of Mr Dowdeswell for a Gun | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| To Do. for Ann Emes Wages | 0 | 5 | 0 |
| To Do. of Mr Pigott for Sundries Sold | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| To Do. of Mr Gonston for Do. | 0 | 4 | 6 |
| To Do. of Mr Watney for Do. | 0 | 3 | 2 |
| To Do. of Mr Everatt for Do. | 1 | 1 | 1 |

Carried forward

£205 8 8½

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| | | Per Contra | Cr. | £ | s. | d. |
|---------|----|---|-----|------|----|-----|
| 1780 | | | | | | |
| May | 22 | By Wm. Gonston for Bacon | | 0 | 14 | 0 |
| Decemr. | 30 | „ Wm. Everatt for Horse hire | | 0 | 12 | 5 |
| 1781 | | | | | | |
| March | 20 | „ Ann Paterson for Malt &c. | | 6 | 13 | 0 |
| April | 7 | „ Jos. Andrews Vestry Clerk | | 1 | 17 | 6 |
| | 16 | „ Jno. Watts for Garden Seeds | | 0 | 12 | 9 |
| | 22 | „ Thos. Godard Grocer | | 18 | 7 | 8½ |
| | 27 | „ Wm. Everatt for Poor House Expences | | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| | 28 | „ Elizbth. Bassett Bassett ¹ | | 24 | 1 | 7 |
| | 28 | „ Jno. Carter Undertaker | | 2 | 5 | 2 |
| | | „ Wm. Terry for a Burial | | 0 | 5 | 6 |
| | | „ Wm. Terry for Do. | | 0 | 5 | 6 |
| | | „ George Dowdeswell Barber | | 1 | 8 | 4 |
| May | 2 | „ Thos. Tegg Grocer | | 21 | 10 | 6 |
| | 3 | „ Wm. Watney for Malt &c. | | 2 | 6 | 10 |
| | 5 | „ Wm. Everatt for Vestry Expences | | 1 | 6 | 6 |
| | 7 | „ Saml. Pearce for Milk | | 0 | 5 | 11 |
| | 8 | „ Richd. Cooke Shoemaker | | 5 | 12 | 8 |
| | 9 | „ Wm. Chalkhill Shoemaker | | 1 | 7 | 1 |
| | 9 | „ Wm. Everatt for Flour &c. | | 27 | 1 | 11½ |
| | 12 | „ Mrs Gonston for Haberdashery | | 1 | 7 | 5½ |
| | 12 | „ Samuel Mason Carpenter | | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| Augt. | 27 | „ Tyson Chapman for Coals | | 5 | 10 | 0 |
| | 27 | „ I. Malden Doctor | | 8 | 11 | 7 |
| Decr. | 20 | „ Wm. Jenkins Bricklayer | | 0 | 15 | 0 |
| No Date | | „ Wm. Everatt's Allowances to Poor People in the Workhouse | | 3 | 8 | 6 |
| No Date | | „ Wm. Everatt for Washing &c. | | 1 | 3 | 0 |
| No Date | | „ Thos. Levi for Milk | | 0 | 12 | 9¾ |
| | | Carried forward | | £141 | 7 | 9¼ |

¹ An error for 'Butcher'.

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| 1781 | Dr. | Continued | £ | s. | d. |
| | To Brought forward | | 205 | 8 | 8½ |

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Surry to Wit.

We the Minister, Church Warden, Overseer of the Poor and other Inhabitants of the Parish of Wimbledon in the said County (in a Vestry held in the said Parish on Wednesday the 26th. day of December 1781) have Examined the preceeding Accounts of William Gonston and William Everatt Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish for the Year ending at Lady Day 1781, and find the Balance upon the whole to be Twenty Eight pounds Fifteen Shillings and three pence Three Farthings due from the said Accountants to the said Parish, which Balance was then paid into the hands of George Bond Esqr. one of the Overseers of the Poor for the present Year. Witness our Hands the Day and Year above written.

[Signed] Herbt. Randolph minister, Thos. Watney Churchwarden, Geo. Bond Overseer, Chas. Newsham Pigott, B. Hays, Will. Lawrence, Jno. Watney.

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| 1781 | Cr. | Continued | |
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| | By Brought forward | | 141 7 9 $\frac{1}{4}$ |
| | Harry Daniel Mander Esqr. | 2 0 0 | |
| | Thos. Nash | 0 9 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ | |
| | Robert Chick | 0 5 0 | |
| | Henry Stockbridge | 0 5 0 | |
| | Edward Parsons | 0 2 6 | |
| | Wm. Stacey | 0 2 6 | |
| | John Wood | 0 5 0 | |
| | Doctor Squires | 0 12 6 | |
| | Jas. Kingman | 0 3 9 | |
| | John Carter Junier | 0 3 9 | |
| | Thorns House | 0 10 0 | |
| | Jas. Edmonds | 0 3 9 | |
| | Henry Gough | 0 2 6 | |
| | Henry Akers | 0 2 6 | |
| | John Dossett | 0 10 0 | |
| | Wm. Daniels Senior | 0 2 6 | |
| | John Pitts | 0 3 9 | |
| | Thos. Palmer | 0 3 9 | |
| | John Studdell | 0 3 9 | |
| | John Brown | 0 3 9 | |
| | David Pennard | 0 3 9 | |
| | Robert Gray | 0 3 9 | |
| | Wm. Jakes | 0 2 6 | |
| | James Smithers | 0 2 6 | Uncollected in |
| | George Berkshire | 0 5 0 | the Book of |
| | Thos. Buss | 0 3 9 | Rates |
| | By Balance | | 7 16 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ 56 4 0 $\frac{3}{4}$ |
| | | | <hr/> £205 8 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ |

Surrey to Wit.

We two of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace Acting in and for the West Division of the Hundred of Brixton in the County of Surrey Do hereby Allow and Confirm the foregoing Account of the Overseers of the Parish of Wimbledon in the said County. Given under our Hands and Seals this 2d. Day of February

1782. [Signed] W. Hotham [L.S.]

I. Evans [L.S.]

APPENDIX IV

WIMBLEDON FREEHOLDERS 1762 AND 1788

The Surrey Freeholders' Books, 1697-1703, and 1762-1824, are records of the Court of Quarter Sessions. They contain the names of the men in each parish between the ages of 21 and 70, who owned freehold or copyhold lands worth at least £10 a year or who held substantial long term leases, these being the qualifications for jury service. The lists therefore give the names of the more important parishioners. The Wimbledon entries for 1762 (the first available in the period covered by this volume) and for 1788 are printed here.

1762

(from S.R.O. Q.S. 7/5/2)

Wimbledon

| | |
|----------------------------|------------|
| Sir Abraham Janssen Barrt. | |
| Samuel Rush | } Esquires |
| Charles Screase | |
| Henry Banks | |
| Benjn. Hays | |
| Wm. Welbefore | |
| Richd. Edwards | |

| |
|-----------------------------------|
| Richd. Carter Victualer |
| Charles Newsham Pigott Shopkeeper |
| Daniel Watney Farmer |
| Wm. Humphry Yeoman |

1788

(from S.R.O. Q.S. 7/5/4)

Wimbledon

| | |
|--------------------------------|---------|
| The right honble. Earl Spencer | |
| M. De Calonne | |
| Wm. Beaumaurice Rush | } Esqs. |
| Benjamin Hayes | |
| John Chilie | |
| Richard Gear | |
| Moses Isaac Levy | |
| Samuel Castell | |
| Charles Edwd. Willson | |
| James Rosse Gent. | |
| John Edwards Taylor | |

| | |
|-------------------------|-------------|
| Wm. Everitt Baker | |
| Wm. Jennings Bricklayer | |
| Wm. Watney Brewer | |
| Thos. Wray Victualer | |
| Samuel Mason Carpenter | |
| Thomas Dicker | } Gardiners |
| Richard Peacock | |
| Wm. Gunston | } Farmers |
| John Watney | |
| Thos. Watney | |

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